



The Sea Coast Echo

MARCH 28, 1999

Inmate farm staying put

BY ED LEPOMA

Hancock County's inmate farm will not be located adjacent to the county's new livestock arena on the Kiln-DeLisle Road.

That was the outcome of Thursday's recess meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

District 4 Supervisor Steve Seymour made the motion to rescind part of his motion made March 1 after he said he had several complaints from residents concerned that the inmate facility would be too close to the county's new elementary school under construction down the road.

Seymour said he made the suggestion because the inmate farm near the north maintenance barn on Hwy. 49 was preventing expansion of a nearby ballfield. He said as many as 15 teams are playing on the field, and sometimes as many as three teams at a time take to the field.

He said he also felt that locating the inmate farm would be beneficial to activities at the horse arena, since inmates could be used to maintain the stalls and clean up the area, just as they are used at the Harrison County facility.

Seymour said he plans to work with Hancock County Sheriff Ronnie Peterson to find a more suitable site. "I'm sure we can work something out," said Seymour.

The other portion of his motion passed by supervisors at the March 1 meeting still stands: Beginning Sept. 1, if the inmate farm is moved, its operations will fall under the supervision of the Parks and Playgrounds Department.

Although the proximity to the new school was one reason cited for the change in plans, another resident, Donald Jacobs, complained when the move was originally announced.

Jacobs, who is developing the Silver Springs Subdivision, said the inmate farm would back up to his development, and the stench from hogs, and chickens, which inmates raise, would affect sale of future lots. Inmates also raise vegetables for the jail's use.

In other action, supervisors: • On a motion by District 3 Supervisor Lisa Coward, unanimously approved the transfer of \$5,000 in gaming funds for the lighting of the recently rebuilt Dunbar Avenue fishing pier;

• Heard of plans by the Port and Harbor Commission to issue between \$1.8 million and \$2 million in revenue bonds for improvements needed at Port Bienville and Stennis International Airport. Supervisors were told the bonds would not require a tax increase, and would be paid off by revenues generated by the new improvements.

• Voted to put out to bid plans to upgrade the bookkeeping and circuit court computer system; and to spend \$1725, plus \$130 per month to allow the county Cooperative Extension Service link up to the statewide internet.

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Nice flair

Carol Mahler (left) and Mary Krail Flores provided the music and a nice flair to festivities as guests participating in the 52 annual Spring Pilgrimage of local homes arrived at the Bay-Waveland Garden Club on Leonhard Avenue. See related Pilgrimage story and photos on page B-1. (Echo staff photo by Ed Lepoma)

BMS principal resigns, Bay AD also leaves

BY RANDY PONDER

Bay Middle School principal Dr. Lilly DeBlieux surprised school officials this week when she turned in her resignation Wednesday, effective immediately.

"I certainly didn't expect it," Bay-Waveland School District Superintendent Dr. Mike Reed said Thursday. "I don't know why she decided to quit now. I

know they are building a home on a golf course in Florida."

Dr. DeBlieux had earlier announced she would resign at the end of the current school year. Bay Middle School lead teacher Marca Boyer will serve as interim principal for the remainder of the school year, according to Reed.

In another matter Dr. Reed could not confirm that Bay High School Athletic Director Debbie Triplett had also quit. "I have heard the rumors," Dr. Reed stated. "As far as I know, she is on leave. She has not talked to me and has not turned in a resignation."

Reed did say, however, that Bay High football coach David Baughman has been named interim athletic director until Triplett returns.

Triplett reportedly was upset

over a school board decision Monday to create a new athletic director position to oversee male sports and limit her duties to female sports. Triplett is also the Bay High girls basketball coach.

She was informed of the board's action on Tuesday morning and reportedly cleaned out her desk and walked out. Her apparent departure will not change the district's plans to have two ADs at Bay High School according to the superintendent.

Dr. Reed was also unaware that Ken Matthew had announced he would not return next year as Bay High soccer coach, a position he has held for the past four seasons.

Matthew, upset over lack of

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Tech challenge grant awarded to Bay Middle

BY B.R. HAWKINS

Bay Middle School moved a significant step forward in its quest to incorporate technology as an integral component of its overall program Monday, March 22 with the announcement from Dr. Mike Reed that the school had been awarded a \$90,000 Technology Challenge Grant from the state Department of Education.

"The faculty and staff are to be commended for their work," Reed said in the Bay-Waveland School Board meeting Monday, March 22. "Teachers Marca Boyer, Lou Monti, Malin Chamberlain and Suzi Gilmore are to be congratulated."

The grant will be used to incorporate computers into in-

struction in all 29 classrooms at the middle school which serves approximately 600 students in grades four through six.

The objectives of the grant will be to fund training for teachers on technology and the use of the Internet. Modern, multimedia computers that are Internet ready and supported by effective software and on-line learning resources to augment the teacher's curriculum are planned for each classroom. Bay Middle School, currently, has at least one computer in almost every classroom, grant fund will be used to further implement technology across the curriculum, focusing primarily on the language arts.

"It's our goal for students to

show an increase in the level of performance in language arts and as a result, increase their score," said Lou Monti, one of the grant application writers.

Plans, originally spelled out in the grant application, included the purchase of 24 laptop computers to be used, during class, as a third classroom computer and, in the evenings, as resource for teachers. Additionally, plans also were to purchase a CD writer which would have allowed teachers to write and develop a lesson plan library of multimedia units. However, the state department cut the school's original proposal budgeted at \$225,000 to

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Stennis visitor is restrained

BY ED LEPOMA

In a bizarre incident, a Michigan woman was taken into custody by the Hancock County Sheriff's Department Thursday after creating a disturbance in the headquarters building at the Stennis Space Center.

According to Sheriff's Department chief deputy Nathan Hoda, the series of events began around 10:40 a.m. in a restricted area of the headquarters building.

Hoda said a woman told desk attendants, "She was receiving signals from the Mercury Ranger Probe, which she said was launched in 1964."

"She said she had information that NASA officials needed to know concerning the probe, and demanded to see top NASA officials."

Three NASA security officials restrained the woman, called for Hancock County deputies, and took her to an upstairs room, Hoda said.

Deputy Rita Watson answered the call, and Hoda said the woman was taken into custody and offered no resistance.

During further investigation, Hoda said the woman's automobile was found in the headquarters building.

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Local casino bill stalled in senate

BY ED LEPOMA

While Las Vegas-based Phoenix Leisure, Inc., announced last week it planned a casino gambling barge and a hotel at the abandoned Bayou Caddy site, another group of South Beach property owners remain stymied in efforts to locate more casinos on the Lakeshore.

At the request of 10 to 12 property owners who own a combined 259-acre tract of land fronting the beach, state Sen. Scottie Cuevas introduced Senate Bill 3181 in the current legislative session.

Although the bill was filed

Feb. 16, and referred to the Senate Committee that handles local and private legislation, Committee Chairman John White of Baldwin County has never called it out for committee vote.

And, this week Cuevas said, "It's virtually dead," since the current session is scheduled to adjourn on or before April 4.

The news sent Jim Maness, one of the beachfront owners who has championed the cause for five years, into a frenzy. He has inundated the legislature

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Serene setting

Echo staff reporter Ed Lepoma was standing outside on a second floor balcony at St. Stanislaus College this week awaiting a news conference, and couldn't resist taking this photo of a serene and beautiful spring day in Bay St. Louis.

Krill's spaghetti dinner

The Bay St. Louis chapter of the Krill's Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Sunday, March 29, at the Bay St. Louis High School. The dinner will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and will feature a spaghetti dinner with a choice of meat sauce or chicken. Tickets are \$5.00 and will include a drink. For more information, call 467-4342.

St. Augustine Egg Hunt

St. Augustine will sponsor their second annual Egg Hunt for children under 12 on Sunday, March 29, at the St. Augustine Church. The hunt will begin at 10 a.m. and will last until 2 p.m. For more information, call 467-4342.

St. Augustine will also have free coffee and donuts and a hot meal starting at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 29, at the St. Augustine Church. All are welcome to attend. For more information, call 467-4342.

St. Rose fish fry

St. Rose de Lima Church will be sponsoring a fish fry on Good Friday, April 2, 4:30 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the St. Rose Parish Center. Donations are \$5.00 a plate. Take-outs welcome. Delivery is available by calling 467-7347.

TIDES

WEEK OF MARCH 29

DAY	THIRTEEN	FOUR
Mon	11:04 a. 5:09 p.	
Tue	11:21 p. 8:20 a.	4:51 p.
Wed	12:25 a. 8:00 a.	12:11 p. 7:19 p.
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WILLIAM CLIFFORD
WILLIAM WEST
EDISON WILCOX

HELEN E. HALL
 Helen E. Hall, 91, of Clermont Harbor, died Friday, March 26, 1999, in Pass Christian.
 Ms. Hall's body was sent from the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis to Lake-lawn Metairie Funeral Home, New Orleans, La. for services and burial.

EVANGELIST W. KING
 Evangelist William King, 77, of Pass Christian, MS., died Wednesday, March 24, 1999, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. King was a native of Tupper Lake, New York, and graduated from high school in Watertown, New York. He was a 1944 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis and then received his flight training at the Pensacola Naval Air Station in 1945. He then served on the battleship USS Texas. He retired as an electrical engineer with NASA having worked in Huntsville, AL, and the Mississippi Test Facility. He had been a resident of Pass Christian for nine years and a member of the First Baptist Church of Pass Christian.

Survivors include his wife, Jill B. King of Pass Christian; his former wife, Doris W. King of Biloxi; one son, Evangelist W. King of New Orleans; two daughters, Dianne K. Rosenberg of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, and Vivian K. Hitt of Richmond, VA; one step-daughter, Laure W. Bicknell of Troy N.Y.; and four grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday at the First Baptist Church of Pass Christian and burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery in Gulfport.

Riemann Funeral Home, 25th Avenue, Gulfport, was in charge of arrangements.

THEODORE PODLUSKI
 Theodore Podlusi, 78, of Gulfport, MS., died Wednesday, March 24, 1999, in Gulfport.

Mr. Podlusi was a native of Manchester, N.H., and a resident of the Coast for 13 years. He served in the Navy during World War II and was a former real estate agent. He was retired from the iron worker-construction business and was a member of Grace Chapel Church in Gulfport.

Survivors include his wife, Naomi Podlusi of Gulfport; one son, Henry Poznanski of Schula Vista, Calif.; one brother, Nicholas Podlusi of

Pass Christian; and one sister, Ganna Warnash of Orlando, Fla.

A funeral service was held on Friday at Riemann Memorial Funeral Home Chapel, Gulfport, followed by burial in the Biloxi National Cemetery.

ALEXIS N. REYNOLDS
 Infant Alexis Nichole Reynolds, 3 days, died Wednesday, March 24, 1999, in Gulfport.

Survivors include her parents, Christy Moyer and Charick Reynolds; and one brother, Kenneth Christy Moyer, all of Bay St. Louis.

A visitation was held Friday at Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home in Gulfport, followed by a graveside service at Pineridge Gardens Cemetery in Gulfport.

WILLIAM CLIFFORD "BILL" WEST
 William Clifford "Bill" West, 57, of Bay St. Louis, died Friday, March 26, 1999, in the Northshore Hospital, Slidell, La.

A native of Quincy, Ill., West was an auto mechanic and a member of the Salem Landmark Missionary Baptist Church in Picayune, Miss.

Survivors include his wife, Bessie Lee Gerald West of Bay St. Louis; two sons, Little Joe West and Jefferson Raymond

West, both of Bay St. Louis; a daughter, Regina Denise West of Bay St. Louis; two sisters, Jo Ann Walter of Macon, Mo., and Kathryn Pickett of Haines City, Fla.; one brother, Hurley West of Macon, Mo.; and four grandchildren.

Visitation will be today from 6-9 p.m. in the McDonald Funeral Home in Picayune.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, March 29, 1999 at 11 a.m. in the McDonald Funeral Home Chapel in Picayune. Burial will be in the Turtleskin Cemetery, Nicholson, Miss., under the direction of McDonald Funeral Home of Picayune. The Elder Gary Sumarall will officiate at the service.

McDonald Funeral Home, Picayune, Miss., is in charge of the arrangements.

EDISON WILCOX
 Edison Wilcox, 78, of Pass Christian, MS., died Thursday, March 25, 1999, in Gulfport.

Mr. Wilcox was born in Syracuse, N.Y. He attended NYS ATI, majoring in electronics at Alfred University, Alfred, N.Y. He served in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II. He was elected mayor of Phoenix 1957-61. In Phoenix, Mr. Wilcox was also part-owner and operator of Moyer Brothers Hardware and employed with

GE, Syracuse. In 1965 he was transferred to work at Stennis Space Center. In 1987, he assisted in forming the Point/Isles Water and Sewerage District and was elected Chairman of the District. He was also a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and served with Flotilla 35 and then served as Division Captain and Rear Commodore of the Eight Coast Guard District Auxiliary. He was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, Pass Christian, Pass Christian Yacht Club, Pass Christian Isles Golf Club and the Masonic Lodge.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Norma Trumble Wilcox.

Survivors include, one daughter, Linda Helmer of Watertown, N.Y.; one son, Wayne O. Wilcox of Birmingham, AL; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

The funeral service will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church in Pass Christian, where friends may call an hour before service time. Burial will be in Live Oak Cemetery in Pass Christian.

The family prefers memorials to the Organ Fund, Trinity Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 459, Pass Christian, MS. 39571.

Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home in Gulfport is in charge of arrangements.



In Memoriam

BETTY GENE DORN
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Mother, Granny, Sister, Friend
 Known by so many different names,

but Loved by all just the same. You're missed with each day that goes by.

Your Memory in our Hearts will never die.

Heaven is such a beautiful place and you are now where you belong. In God's good Grace.

With each tick of the clock and the time flies by, You will always remain in my mind's eye.

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Census countdown 2000 begins Thursday, April 1

The Countdown to Census 2000 begins Thursday, April 1. No foolin'. There is exactly one year, a mere 365 days to promote, educate, advertise, publicize and encourage all people to respond and participate in the decennial census. It happens only once every 10 years and is the nation's largest peacetime effort.

Accurate census information is vitally important for all Mississippians. The state's representation in the U.S. Congress is based directly on census figures, and Mississippi could possibly lose a seat. Based on census data, more than \$180 billion is distributed annually in federal monies to state, county and city agencies for roads, hospitals, emergency services, schools and universities, school lunch programs, grants, public health, housing, libraries, community centers and many other services. In addition, a complete count enables government and industry to develop viable plans for the future.

According to Karen Kagalis, Government Partnership Specialist for South Mississippi, "the Census Bureau is building partnerships with local governments, businesses, community

leaders, religious leaders, the educational community, and grass roots organizations. We have begun organizing Complete Count Committees locally, and have had positive receptions, and cooperation, from the local governments contacted.

"Your Complete Count Committee (CCC) is key to reaching out to your community, encouraging them to become involved in census activities, and urging them to complete their census forms. Folks right here know South Mississippi better than anyone. They understand the unique neighborhoods, circumstances, and concerns, as well as how to address them. Working together, we can get a census that meets your community's needs," Kagalis said.

Local governments realize the urgency of an accurate count and are passing resolutions to establish Complete Count Committees. Most are now in the process of appointing their members and organizing their first committee meetings.

The following have passed resolutions or have committed to doing so at their upcoming Board or Council meetings: George County and Lucedale, Greene County and Leakesville, Hancock County, Harrison County and Gulfport, Jackson County and its municipalities, Pearl River County, and Stone County. If your city or county are not listed, make a call to your local officials and ask them to establish a CCC through Kagalis and the Census Bureau.

If you would like to be part of your local CCC, and feel you can be an active representative in your community through your government, media, community organization, place of worship, club, industry or business, please contact Karen Kagalis at (228) 868-9966 for more information.

Holy week services at Main Street Methodist

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend the following special Holy Week services, beginning with the Palm Sunday service today and concluding with the Easter Sunday service on April 4, to be held at Main Street United Methodist Church located at 162 Main Street in Bay St. Louis.

Palm Sunday, March 28

The Soundways will present at the 11 a.m. worship service the waving of the palms celebrating Jesus' ride into Jerusalem while the Introlt music, "Sing Hosanna," is performed by the Chancel Choir. The Praise Bell choir will perform the anthem for the service.

Lenten Concert, Wednesday

The Main Street Music Department will present the annual Lenten Concert at 6:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary. All of the church's choral groups will be a part of "Jesus... My Everything," which is a mix of many types of church music all in one song and praise service. A reception will be held immediately following the concert.

Maundy Thursday

The Chancel Choir will present "Father, Forgive Them," a minidrama of song and scripture depicting the Last Supper at the Maundy Thursday ser-

vice held at 7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

Holy communion will be celebrated with 12 individuals, portraying the apostles, who participate in passing the elements as it was during the Last Supper.

The final event of the evening will be the "draping of the cross," after which the service will conclude with the lowering of the lights, and the long-held tradition of worshipers leaving the church in prayerful silence.

Good Friday

The Men's Quartet will sing "The Old Rugged Cross Made a Difference" during the Stations of the Cross service held at 7 p.m. in the church sanctuary. The congregation will observe the Stations of the Cross through an accompanied slide show of the stations as seen in churches in our area.

Easter Sunday

The combined Generation and Chancel Choirs will perform "Hallelujah Chorus" at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The Introlt, "Love Is Come Again" will be performed by a select handbell choir.

For further details about the Holy Week services, please contact the church office at 467-4538.

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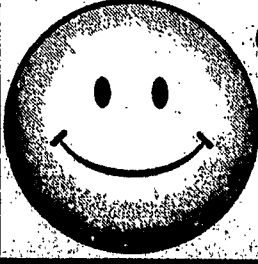
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"CUEVAS" QUOTES"

By Ellis C. Cuevas

So many have been talking about how nice our weather has been for the past week.

The cool nights and warm days have been a delight for most folks, especially those involved with the annual Spring Pilgrimage.

I cannot recall ever receiving so many compliments about the Spring Pilgrimage in the area as I have had this past week.

Our locals as well as visitors all offered high praise for everyone involved with the annual event.

One thing I am sure helped was the most successful kickoff which was hosted by the Bay-Waveland Garden Club and City of Bay St. Louis.

The Pilgrimage's success would not have been possible without the dedication and involvement of so many of our residents.

One of the best comments I heard of was made by Leta Carter, Garden Clubs of Mississippi president at the ribbon cutting for the Flower Show.

Mrs. Carter, of Rolling Fork said, "I have been on the Coast before, but this is the first time I have ever been to Bay St. Louis and this is the best kept secret in our state."

Now folks, as president of the Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Mrs. Carter travels throughout the state and I feel those were some very powerful words.

The setting for the flower show in the Methodist Church's Multi-Purpose Building also received rave reviews from our visitors, as well as locals.

The homes on tour in Diamondhead, Bay-Waveland areas two days, Pass Christian and Henderson Point, were all really appreciated.

The seminars at the Hancock County Courthouse and photo display at the Bay St. Louis Depot were very well received too.

I want to say a sincere thank you to everyone involved with the Pilgrimage, and a special thank you to those who opened their homes to the general public.

There are so many things and fine people that make our area one of the best in the nation to live in.

Next Sunday is Easter and once again the Hancock County Ministerial Association will sponsor the annual Easter Sunrise Service at 6 a.m. on the lawn of Christ Episcopal Church, Beach Boulevard, Bay St. Louis.

The grounds of Christ Episcopal are just ideal for such a special service.

Ministers from the community will participate in the service.

We are hoping there will be a large turnout next Sunday morning.

Remember, the clocks will move forward one hour next Sunday morning.

Letters Welcome

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers on subjects of general interest. Letters must be signed and include address or phone number so that the sender can be contacted by the newspaper if necessary. Letters should be brief, preferably typewritten and double spaced, and conform to standards of good taste. Only one letter per writer per month will be published. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters.

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—Ellis C. Cuevas, publisher

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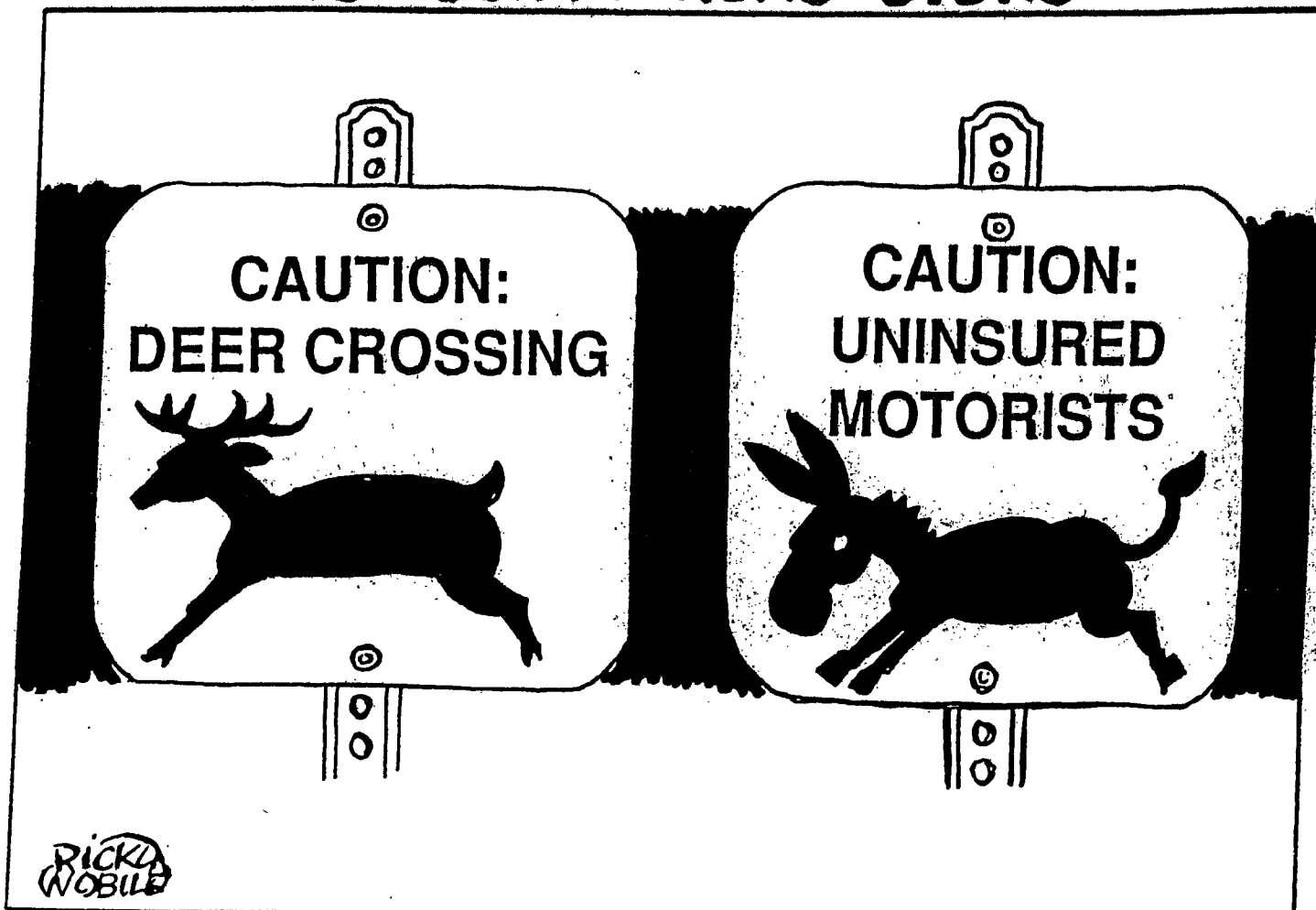
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Protect the "Flag of Freedom"

Holocaust survivor supports flag-protection in stirring congressional testimony
By Stephan Ross

I came to America as an orphan on April 10, 1948, and I became a naturalized citizen of the United States of America on May 3, 1953.

I came from the places of gas chambers, fire, ashes and chaos to my adopted country. The American people embraced me and took me under their wing and gave me an opportunity to grow and prosper, so that I could become one of them. I am proud to live free in this generous society.

Fifty years ago, American soldiers saved me from the hell of Dachau. They nursed me back to health and restored my will to live. Yet, what I remember most about my liberation is my tears being spilled on a small American flag. From that day to this, my love for our flag has never faltered.

My story begins in 1940. When I was nine-years-old, the Germans took me from my home in Krasnik, Poland. For five years I was a prisoner of the Nazis in 10 death camps, where I saw thousands of men, women and children brutally murdered and starved or worked to death by the Nazi's death machine.

I lived on bread crumbs, sawdust, human remains, and one small prayer for redemption or death—whichever was quicker. My prayers were answered on April 29, 1945, when I was liberated from Dachau by the 42nd and 45th Infantry divisions of the U.S. 7th Army. We were nursed for several days by these war-weary, but compassionate men and women until we had enough strength to travel to Munich for additional medical attention.

As we walked ever so slowly and unsteadily toward our salvation, a young American tank commander—whose name I have never known—jumped off his tank to help us in whatever way he could.

When he saw that I was just a young boy, despite my gaunt appearance, he stopped to offer me comfort and compassion. He gave me his own food. He touched my withered body with his hands and his heart. His love instilled in me a will to live, and I fell at his feet and shed my first tears in five years. He knelt by my side and gently wiped them away with his handkerchief.

It was only later, after he had gone, that I realized that his handkerchief was a small American flag, the first I had ever seen. It became my flag of redemption and freedom.

For more than 50 years I have cherished that flag. It represents the hope, freedom, and life that the American soldiers returned to me when they found me, nursed me to health, and restored my faith in mankind. That is why today, I am working to help pass an amendment to the Constitution to protect our flag from physical desecration.

The memories of those heroes who liberated me will forever be a part of me. I show my gratitude to them for delivering me from hell every time I salute the flag that was theirs, and today is mine.

Even now, 54 years later, I am overcome with tears and

gratitude whenever I see our glorious American flag, because I know what it represents not only to me, but to millions around the world.

Most of us have come here in search of freedom. The flag that we wave today has a very special meaning to me. It reflects the hope and freedom I have enjoyed for the past 50 years.

My great appreciation of the American flag is coupled with my gratitude, and my admiration of the American soldiers who found me, freed me from the valley of death, and restored my faith in God, in mankind, and gave me THIS "Flag of Freedom."

Those who come from dictatorial societies never forget how precious the "Flag of Freedom" is to them.

Perhaps only those who have had their humanity brutally torn from them as I did can fully appreciate this great country and what its flag represents. Yet every American, out of deference for the sacrifices that purchased and maintain their freedom should revere and honor our flag.

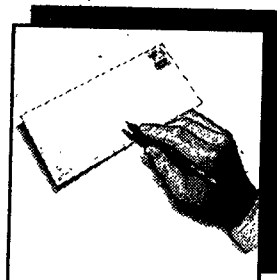
Protest if you wish. Speak loudly, even curse our country and our flag, but please, in the name of all those who died for our freedoms, don't physically harm what is so sacred to me and to countless others.

When you harm our flag, you violate my freedom to protect what once protected me, liberated me, restored my human dignity and wiped away my tears. The price of desecration is too high. I support a constitutional amendment to preserve America's dignity, America's value, and America's flag.

God bless America, and God bless our flag.

Stephan Ross, a retired senior staff psychologist for the City of Boston Community Schools, spoke these words at a hearing on a flag-protection constitutional amendment, House Joint Res. 33, before the Constitution Subcommittee of the U.S. House Judiciary Committee. Ross testified at the invitation of the American Legion founded Citizens Flag Alliance, and advocate for the amendment comprised of more than 130 civic, fraternal and veterans groups representing nearly 30 million Americans.

The proposed 28th Amendment—"The Congress shall have power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States"—passed in the House by a vote of 310-114 last session, but did not come to a Senate vote. Reps. Randy Cunningham of California and John Murtha of Pennsylvania introduced HJR 33. Sens. Orrin Hatch of Utah and Max Cleland of Georgia introduced the companion measure, Senate Joint Res. 14. A two-thirds vote in favor of the amendment in both houses of Congress will send the measure to the states for ratification. The U.S. Supreme Court in 1989 invalidated federal law and the laws of 48 states banning physical desecration of the U.S. flag.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Community support elates Garden Club president

Dear Editor:

Thursday, March 18th, was a splendid day for the City of Bay Saint Louis. Over 1,000 visitors enjoyed the local ambiance and attended the opening day ceremonies for the 1999 Mississippi Gulf Coast Council Spring Pilgrimage.

This event was possible because of the tremendous support of many, many people. We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to our county and city officials for graciously assisting us in hosting this event. We are grateful to the City of Bay Saint Louis, the Hancock County Board of Supervisors, the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, the Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau, the Hancock County Historical Society and the staff of The Sea Coast Echo.

Special appreciation are extended to the many local artists who provided their work as inspiration for the Flower Show design competition. And too, we especially appreciate everyone who participated in the Horticultural competition.

On behalf of the members of the Bay-Waveland Garden Club, I extend our sincere gratitude to the Rev. Van Carpenter and the members of the Main Street United Methodist Church for providing their facility to house the show and exhibits.

Your assistance and support will always be appreciated. Bay Saint Louis is truly A Place Apart, and Hancock County, a place where you're always welcomed.

Kathleen Fernandez, President
Bay-Waveland Garden Club

The Students of Bay High are the Losers

Dear Editor:

I just learned this week that Bay High may lose a tremendous individual. What a shame for such a travesty to happen because of the action of a few.

Coach Debbie Triplett has been such a positive influence on so many young people. She has touched the lives of so many with her dedication to hard work, her morals, and friendship. She always attempted to teach, whether it be in the classroom or on the basketball floor, the students values that they will have for a lifetime.

Although only two of my three children have experienced her as a coach or teacher, I know that I have three children who are much better for having had the opportunity to experience her as a role model.

As a parent, and former school board member, I know the conditions of the athletic department prior to Coach Trip-

lett, and truly hope that the people of the community realize and appreciate her efforts and success in turning the athletic department around.

Although I am very sorry to see this happen, I know that I have much to be thankful for—my children have experienced the great character of this wonderful lady.

The true losers will be the children of our community who have not and will not have the opportunity for Coach Triplett to touch their lives.

The winners will be the students of the next district who have enough wisdom to know when they have a winner.

So Coach, take your talents where they are appreciated, and know the actions of a few are not the feelings of the majority.

The Yarbrough home will always be open!
Gary Yarbrough,
Bay St. Louis

Pilgrimage chairman feels support was tremendous

Dear Editor:

The 1999 Spring Pilgrimage in Hancock County was the best ever! The four days presented by Bay Waveland Garden Club (Flower Show Chairmen Alice Holmes and Lynn Nybo, Pilgrimage Chairmen Kathleen Kemp, Diamondhead Garden Club (Pilgrimage Chairmen Margaret Williamson); Gather Ye Rosebuds Rose Society (Pilgrimage Chairmen Danna Piazza and Melinda Richard) and all their members and their many friends, deserve a round of applause. This is truly a community that cares!

These Garden Clubs perfectly demonstrated our Southern Hospitality and Community Pride in Hancock County.

But I would be remiss in my duties as Chairman if I did not mention The Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau, who with a matching grant from the State of Mississippi, became

our Guardian Angels. Through their marketing efforts for the Flower Show and the Home Tours, thousands of out-of-towners were able to visit Hancock County and the entire Gulf Coast. The Bureau's personnel—Executive Director Beth Carriere, Adm. Asst. Tammy McKenna and Volunteer Jane Byrne, worked tirelessly to promote the Pilgrimage and made my job easier.

Our sincere appreciation to everyone who helped make this event a "Top 20 Event" in the Southeastern United States.

Petie Hyman
Ms. Gulf Coast Council of Garden Clubs, Coastwide Chairman, Waveland

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Grant award

Hancock County recently was awarded a Mississippi Leadership Council on Aging grant to help fund projects for reducing crimes against senior citizens. Shown are Hancock County's JoAnn Lagasse, center, Jim Martin, third from right, Cody W. Grice, second from right, and Anita Fowler, right. They are joined by Walter Tucker, left, council director Ron Sennett, executive director, Mississippi Division of Public Safety Planning, and Tommie McClendon, council chairperson. The council is a special fund agency established within the Office of the Governor. Its mission is to promote a coordinated effort among law enforcement, social services agencies and local communities to reduce crime against senior citizens. No tax money is involved in grants; the funding is provided by a \$1 fee assessment for various traffic violations.

Hope Haven schedules annual "Extravaganza"

BY ED LEPOMA

It's that time of the year again when Hope Haven is gearing up for its annual "Extravaganza" to benefit Hancock County's shelter for abused and neglected children.

And, this year, event organizer, Lois Griffin, is looking for "a few good Kings and Queens."

Departing from its annual male drag show, Griffin this year wants to feature the Carnival organizations and krewes all along the Mississippi Coast.

"We've sent out letters to the various Carnival organizations and Krewes along the Gulf Coast, inviting their King and Queen and Parade Captain to come and be our guest at our extravaganza this year," said Griffin.

She said it had been difficult locating all the royalty, and requests that any Krewe member who reads this article have their Royalty contact her at 467-7945 if they have not heard from her by letter.

"There has never been any event where the various Kings and Queens have appeared together," said Griffin. "This will be a first and we will chose a reigning King and Queen of the Gulf Coast during the evening."

Griffin promises a show "much different than past years." The Extravaganza will have a Mardi Gras theme with the Royal couples in costumes.

WLOX-TV weatherman Mike Reader will continue to host the event.

Griffin said, "We will have professional entertainment, food, a live band and dancing." She added, "People have told us that they would like to have more time to dance and have fun, and they's what they will get this year."

Plans are to also have a silent auction and a raffle with great prizes, including two season passes to the Sea Wolves hockey games.

The Extravaganza is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, May 1, at the Casino Magic entertainment barge. The charge is \$15 for individual tickets, and tables for eight cost \$100. Of course, the guest Royal couples are admitted free, Griffin said.



MELANIE MCLAURIN
McLaurin to graduate

Melanie McLaurin has completed her schooling at Central Baptist Academy, Bay St. Louis.

McLaurin will receive a college preparatory diploma at commencement ceremonies to be held at 7 p.m., April 30, at Central Baptist Church.

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BIRTHS

DUSTIN JAMES RIVES

Mr. and Mrs. James Rives of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their second child, a son, Dustin James, January 26, 1999 at 3:03 at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis. He weighed 5 pounds, 13 ounces.

Mrs. Rives is the former Bridget Wannage.

Maternal grandparents are Edward (Bubba) and Lisa Wannage of Bay St. Louis, MS.

Paternal grandparents are Tebbie Gros and Don Richardson of Pierre Part, LA.

Great grandparents include Christabelle Holden of Bay St. Louis, MS and Alice and Bobby Gros of Pierre Part, LA.

Dustin is welcomed home by his sister Krista Kay.

KAITLYNN NECOLE MCGOEY

Dane McGoe and Ginger Lee of Kiln announce the birth of a daughter, Kaitlynn Necole, March 9, 1999 at 3:38 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 6 pounds, 3 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Reggie and Peggy Lee, of Kiln, MS.

Paternal grandparents are Pete McGoe of Long Beach, MS, and Melinda Poole of Metairie, LA.

Great grandparents include Leota Lee, Petter McGoe, Barbara McGoe and Kit Authar.

Military Mention

Petty Officer Gillan

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Jacques E. Gillan, son of Patricia M. and Garry L. Gillan Sr. of Kiln, recently reported for duty at Naval Air Station, Kingsville, Texas.

The 1994 graduate of Hancock High School joined the Navy in May 1994.

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Kiln P.O. renaming and dedication Wed.

The United States Postal Service, the North Hancock County Business & Professional Association and the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce invite you to attend the ceremonies for the official dedication and renaming of the Kiln Post Office.

The name will be changed to the Ray J. Favre Post Office Building on property dedicated to public service by the families of Richard Olsen Kolstad, Gustave Miller, Ludwig Peter Peterson and Jerry Max

Peterson.

Ray J. Favre, a Kiln native, served as postmaster for 36 years. When he retired in 1976, the employees proclaimed his last day "Ray J. Favre Day" in Hancock County. He died in April 1996 at age 80.

The dedication will take place on March 31 at 10 a.m. at the Kiln Post Office located at 16250 Highway 603. Some of the guests on hand will be U.S. Representative Gene Taylor; U.S. postal representatives; city officials and the Favre family.

Pass Aldermen support authority

BY ED LEPOMA

Obviously without Mayor Billy McDonald's blessing, the Board of Aldermen called a special meeting Wednesday night to support a Harrison County-sponsored resolution asking the legislature to create a 15-member Transportation Authority.

The Authority would oversee the funding and building of a new east-west corridor through Harrison County.

McDonald had said in the past that he felt a large board would be unwieldy and ineffective, and he leaned toward creating a six-member board composed of the five mayors of Harrison County and a representative from the Board of Supervisors.

Aldermen Vonnie Bodens-

chatz and Margaret Jean Kalif signed the special call for the meeting, and the motion was passed unanimously, with Aldermen Michael Antoine and Leo "Chipper" McDermott joining in the vote. McDonald and Alderman Jeff Emerson did not attend the meeting.

Aldermen said Pass Christian was the last of the county's five cities to approve the resolution, and support was needed in order to establish the agency in the current legislative session, which ends April 4.

As proposed, the Authority would consist of a 15-member board of directors, consisting of all five mayors, all five supervisors and five city council members.

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SPORTS

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Ridgeway signs with Perk-PRCC

St. Stanislaus College senior Roger Ridgeway, Jr. recently signed to play college football with Pearl River Community College-Perkinston. Dave Brockmeyer, assistant football coach at PRCC-Perk, came to St. Stanislaus to acknowledge that Ridgeway will have the chance to continue his football career as a punter.

Ridgeway, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Ridgeway, Sr. of Pass Christian, is a member of the Alpha Honor Roll, the football team, the two-time state champion soccer team, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

He is president of the National Honor Society, and has been named in Who's Who Among American High School Students. Ridgeway has been awarded Student of the Month, Student of the Year, the Doc Blanchard Most Valuable Football Player Award, All-Coast Punter, the Pelfrey Kicking Camps Services (PKS) All American Punter Award, and the District MVP Award the last two years.

"I am doing my best, I am learning, and I am excited to take things a step further," said Ridgeway.

Ridgeway has played for the varsity Rock-A-Chaw football team the past three years as a punter, running back and safety. His longest punt was 61



Proud moment

St. Stanislaus senior standout Roger Ridgeway, Jr. signed last week to play football with Pearl River Community College-Perkinston. He is flanked by his proud parents Beverly and Roger Ridgeway, Sr. At rear from left are: SCC head football coach Dave Kenson, SCC Principal Brother Ronald Hingle and Dave Brockmeyer, asst. football coach at PRCC-Perk. (Echo staff photo by Ed Lepoma)

yards, and he led the team this past season with 54 points. He snagged four interceptions, of which three were run back for

touchdowns. "He's a great kid and a leader by example," stated St. Stanislaus head football coach Dave

Kenson. "Because of the kind of person that he is and all that he has done for us, he will be very difficult to replace."



Tournament champions

The Hancock County Basketball League 7-8 division team number 2 took first place in the league tournament held last weekend at Hancock Elementary School. The group posted an overall record of 15-2 this season. Team members include Katie Ladner, front row at left, Beau Shubert, Chase McIver, Josh VonAntz, D.J. Bourgeois, and middle row, DeRae Graham, Haley Elchos, Colton Ladner, and back row, assistant coaches Debbie Shaw and Jeff Lott and coach Angela Ladner.

Fire Dogs sign five, place eight on waivers

The Mississippi Fire Dogs of the IPFL, have signed five new players and waived eight others. The players signed are, OL Chuck Cominsky of Pascagoula who played college football at Ole Miss before moving on to the USFL with the Philadelphia Stars and the NFL with the New Orleans Saints.

Quarterback Derrick Tate of Moss Point and Miss State. RB Hosea Wansley of Moss Point and Miss State. WR/DB Nicky Seymour of Ocean Springs and USM. WR/DB Jose Gonzalez of Jacksonville, Fla. and USM. The players waived were, WR Ken Carpenter, WR Moe Owens, DL Antonio Hooks and Miguel Smith, LB's Charles Love and Kirk Landry, DB Travis Brown and QB Conrad Hamel.

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Federation to teach how to Adopt-A-Stream

The Mississippi Wildlife Federation, in conjunction with the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, is sponsoring two Adopt-A-Stream workshops in 1999. The first will be held at Percy Quin State Park, April 13 and 14. The second workshop will be held on June 8 and 9 at the Holmes County State Park. The workshops are designed to teach volunteers how to monitor streams and rivers in the state.

Workshop volunteers will learn how to monitor water quality and assess stream health through surveying the watershed, and chemically, physically, and biologically testing the water. MWF volunteers have already adopted many streams statewide.

"The program is designed primarily to educate citizens about non-point source pollution and to show them what they can do as individuals to clean up degraded streams and rivers," said John Harvey, MWF president. "The data our volunteers gather will also be useful in

identifying trends and changes in stream health over time."

The workshop is open to anyone interested in joining the team of Adopt-A-Stream volunteers. The cost of the two-day workshop is \$40 which includes all lodging, meals, and workshop materials. Registration has begun for both classes. For registration or additional information, contact Donna Yowell at MWF at 601-420-2100 or write us at P.O. Box 1814, Jackson, MS 39215-1814.

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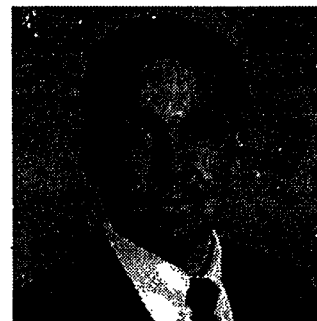
Umpire clinic set

An ASA Umpire's clinic is set for Wednesday, March 31, 6 p.m. at the Sea-Bee Base Gym in Gulfport.

Fees are \$5 for clinic only, clinic and registration is \$30. For more information contact Gerald Lamey at 392-2821

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Retirement security starts with the retiree

George Burns, the cigar-smoking comedian who entertained audiences well into his 90s, had a lot to say about retirement. He once deadpanned, "Retirement at 65 is ridiculous. When I was 65, I still had pimples."

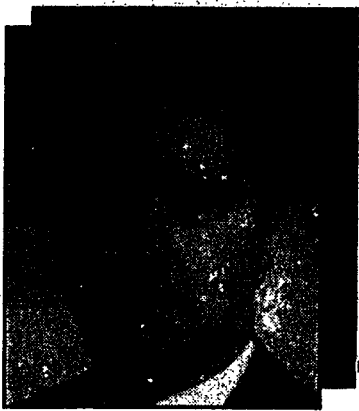
Whatever age you decide to retire, you can make sure it's an event to look forward to by making sure you are "retirement ready."

Unfortunately, large numbers of Americans are not sufficiently saving for their retirement, and they fear the repercussions. A poll by Sun America, a financial-services company specializing in retirement savings, found that 40 percent of the women surveyed worry they will be living in poverty when they retire. About half of people polled believe they might not be able to retire at all. Close to 80 percent of those surveyed between age 25 and 55 are concerned that they won't have enough to live on when they retire.

Today's workers realize the shortcomings associated with Social Security. They know Social Security alone won't provide a comfortable retirement - it pays only about 27 percent of an individual's retirement needs. It's clear we cannot depend upon the government to take care of us in our old age.

Instead, we must rely on the qualities Americans have historically shown, the traits that have made the United States the wealthiest nation in the world: self-reliance and entrepreneurship. And we must apply those qualities to saving for our own futures.

There are numerous ways to accumulate retirement wealth. Some strategies have immediate tax benefits; some have future tax benefits.



FINANCIAL FOCUS

Submitted by Craig Foster
Edward Jones Co.

The traditional IRA is alive and well. The new Roth IRA provides another way to build a retirement fund. In addition, thousands of workers contribute regularly to a 401(k) plan.

Other investing choices, such as individual stocks or mutual funds, lack the tax benefits of the IRA and 401(k), but the amount you may invest is unlimited. Many investors start by making modest investment purchases regularly, and then increase those amounts through the years. Most money managers

suggest that you put aside 5 percent to 10 percent of your monthly income for long-term goals.

The investment vehicles you choose should depend upon your age and your goals. How many years do you have to save? The younger you are, the more aggressively you can invest. What kind of lifestyle do you want to maintain during retirement, and how long will you be retired? The amount you put away should be based on what you anticipate your expenses will be throughout those golden years.

The facts show that long-term savers/investors will have the money to enjoy a secure retirement. Some may be able to retire early, but most will leave the daily work world in their 60s and sail off into a comfortable retirement, thanks to smart investing started early.

Or, you may decide to work until you're 100 years old, like George Burns. If you've saved and invested wisely over the years, your choice will be just that - a choice, not a necessity. And that's what retirement freedom is all about.

Mississippi Home Corporation conducts compliance workshops

The Multifamily Program Operation Division of the Mississippi Home Corporation (MHC) will conduct its 1999 Spring compliance monitoring workshop(s) April 8, 23, and 29 throughout Mississippi.

These free workshops are open to participants of the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program. The workshops are designed to educate and/or assist developers, owners and/or management agents, of the LIHTC program requirements, current updates, and compliance maintenance. MHC will conduct the work-

shops on the following days: Thursday, April 8, 1999 in Southaven, Miss., beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Southaven City Hall, 8710 N.W. Drive, Southaven, Miss.

Friday, April 23, 1999 in Gulfport, Miss., beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Jefferson Davis Community College in the Meeting Room, 2226 Switzer Road, Gulfport, Miss.

Thursday, April 29, 1999 in Jackson, Miss., beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Ramada Coliseum in the Gallery Room, 400 Greymont Avenue, Jackson, Miss.

Individuals interested in attending any of the workshops should register with MHC seven business days prior to the date of the workshop. Seating is limited and first preference will be given to individuals who pre-registered, other seating will be on a first come basis.

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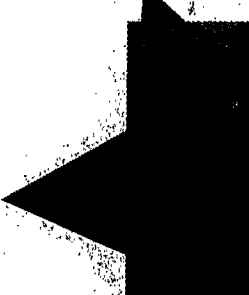
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BUSINESS NEWS

Whitney Holding to repurchase 4.3% of stock

Whitney Holding Corporation (Nasdaq-WTNY) announced that its Board of Directors has authorized a program to repurchase up to one million shares, or approximately 4.3% of its common stock. The stock will be repurchased from time to time through open market transaction or in negotiated private transactions.

The timing and ultimate number of shares to be repurchased will be based upon such factors as the stock price, market and general economic conditions. There is no set time limit in which to complete the repurchases, and there are no specific plans for use of the shares which might be repurchased, except for reissuances in connection with employee stock option exercises or other employee stock plans.

Repurchase of the stock should allow Whitney to more effectively manage its capital position. William L. Marks, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer said, "Considering Whitney's recent trading price, we believe that a stock repurchase program is both a good investment of company resources and an enhancement to long-term shareholder value."

Whitney Holding Corporation, through its principal subsidiary Whitney National Bank, has approximately 120 banking locations in the four state Gulf Coast region, including Southern Louisiana; the coastal region of Mississippi, Central and South Alabama; and the Pensacola area of Florida. The Whitney, which has been in continuous operation since 1883, currently has assets of approximately \$5.2 billion.

Export, import seminar

A workshop will be offered: "Export-Import Bank Seminar" Tuesday, April 6, 8 a.m.-noon at The Great Southern Club, Gulfport.

At this workshop topics to be covered include limiting the financial risk of exporting products and learning about the Export Credit Insurance and the Export Working Capital Program available to U.S. businesses through the Export-Import Bank.

Representatives from the following agencies will speak: Mississippi Department of Economic and Community Development, U.S. Department of Commerce, Export-Import Bank, and J. Maxime Roy, Inc.

The seminar will be followed by a luncheon seminar, noon-1:30 p.m. at the Great Southern Club entitled "Exporting to Canada" with Bob Armstrong, president of the Canadian Importers Association speaking on business opportunities in Canada.

Fee for the Export-Import Bank seminar is \$15; the fee for the Exporting to Canada luncheon seminar is \$20; the fee to attend both is \$25.

Pre-registration is required for either of the seminars. For information or to pre-register, contact Monisha Saldanha at 504-589-6730.

Creamery opens at Grand

Grand Casino Biloxi's newest specialty shop, The Creamery, is now open. Located on the east side main entrance to the casino on the first floor.

Featuring 12 flavors of Blue Bell ice cream from the "little creamery in Brenham, Texas," oversized waffle and sugar cones will be available as well as old-fashioned malted milk shakes and ice cream sodas.

The Creamery will also serve flavored and specialty coffees, cappuccino and espresso. Whole coffee beans are ground fresh daily.

Additionally, guests will be able to choose from freshly baked Danish, cinnamon and pecan rolls, coffee cake, muffins, brownies and giant cookies.



Ribbon cutting

Civic, business and political leaders helped celebrate the opening of the nearly 20,000 sq. ft., \$1.5 million new dealership of Henderson Ford, Inc. Thursday at the Bay St. Louis-Waveland line on Highway 90. Following a ribbon cutting, the company hosted the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce's monthly Business After Hours. Charlie Henderson is president of the family owned and operated business. His wife Diane Burns Henderson is secretary and son Joe is vice-president. (Sea Coast Echo photo by Cecilia Howe)

Mississippi Gulf Coast hosts National Coalition of Black Meeting Planners

The Mississippi Gulf Coast, named by Fodor's Travel Publications as a top emerging destination for 1999, lives up to its hot destination distinction as over 150 of the country's most prestigious African American meeting planners meet in Biloxi for the National Coalition of Black Meeting Planners Spring Conference April 7-11 at the Grand Casino Bayview Hotel and Convention Center.

In an unmatched educational and networking environment, the conference will bring together the major players in the \$50 billion African American meeting market — meeting planners, association executives, CEOs, suppliers, hospitality professionals and students.

Setting the tone for the conference, Tavis Smiley will bring an inspiring message to the group during the opening session. Smiley is host of BET Tonight on Black Entertainment Television and appears regularly as a political analyst on CNN.

With the theme "Navigating the Changes, Challenges, and Choices of Tomorrow: Education is the Key," the four-day conference will offer interactive seminars and workshops that teach participants the latest techniques and strategies for planning successful meetings and staying on the "cutting edge" of the ever-changing

meetings industry.

"We are thrilled to host such a notable group of meeting planners on the Mississippi Gulf Coast," said Stephen Richer, executive director of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Convention & Visitors Bureau.

"Our hope is that during their stay the planners will experience what makes the Mississippi Gulf Coast a unique meeting destination — historic

antebellum homes, African-American historical sites, an eclectic collection of museums, 20-plus golf courses, championship fishing, diverse shopping opportunities, exceptional cuisine, a host of year-round special events, 24-hour gaming excitement and, let's not forget, the genuine Southern hospitality that radiates from our people."

Keesler Federal announces 1999-2000 Board of Directors

Keesler Federal Credit Union held its Annual Meeting on March 11, 1999. At this meeting Members Joe Vanhooser and James Doyle were re-elected to the credit union Board. Keesler Federal's volunteer Board of Directors and Supervisory Committee are not compensated for their service.

The 1999-2000 volunteers are as follows: Board of Directors; Dean Todd, chairman, Gerald Caldwell, vice chairman, Richard Diamantopoulos, treasurer, Tommy Adkins, secretary, Joe Vanhooser, member, James Doyle, member, Donald McCormick, member.

Supervisory Committee; Earl Barlow, chairman, Richard Miller, member, Wanda Tisdale, member, Bobby Landry, member, Richard Hoover,

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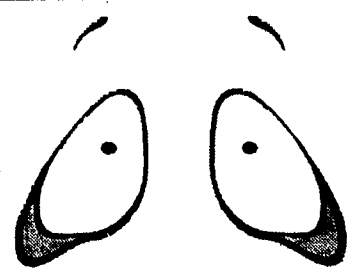
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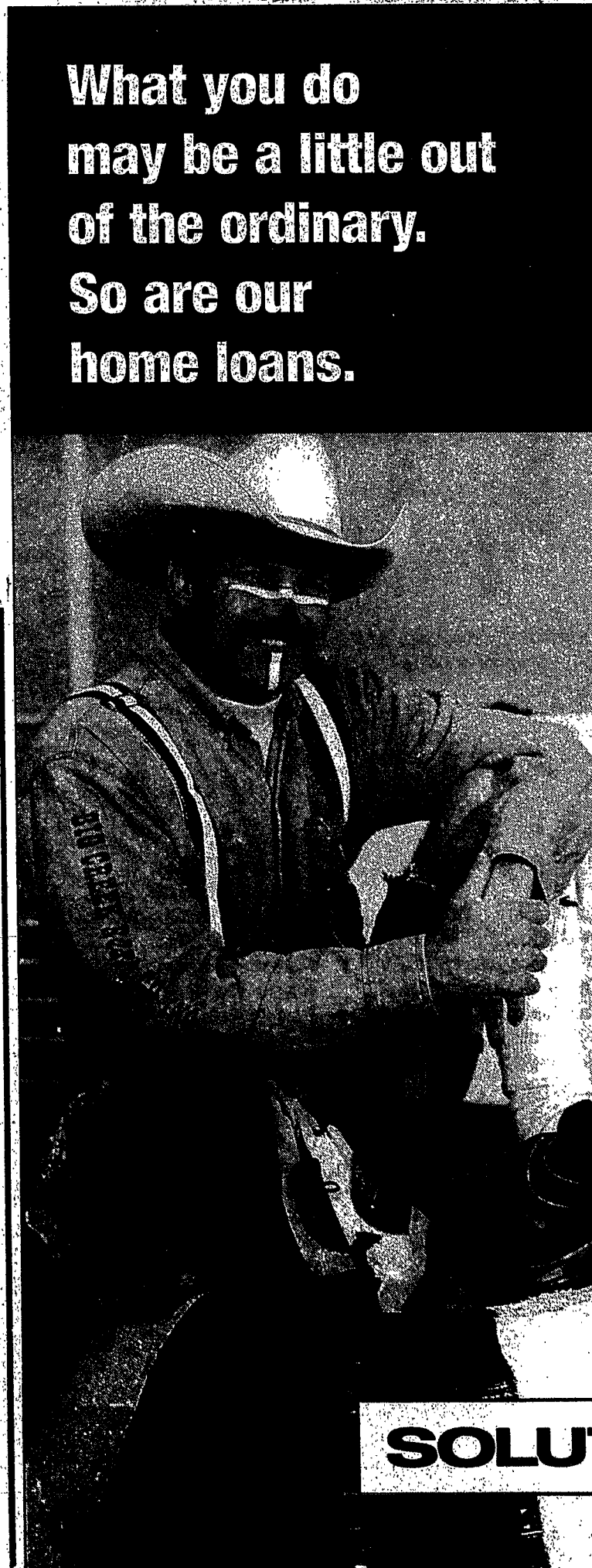
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Keep Mississippi Beautiful awards Hancock Chamber \$2000 grant

The Hancock County Chamber of Commerce has received a \$2,000 grant from Keep Mississippi Beautiful/People Against Litter for its "Keep Hancock County Beautiful Campaign." In conjunction with state and national efforts to keep communities across America Litter Free, the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce launched a year-long, county wide campaign against littering in January 1999. The grant will support these efforts.

The Hancock Chamber Beautification Committee initiated a

number of projects, to coincide with ongoing efforts to fight litter. The campaign goal is to "Keep Hancock County Beautiful" with a "Litter is UNLawful" awareness campaign. The Hancock Chamber has:

- initiated an effort to raise the fine on littering and encourage enforcement of laws
- is distributing thousands of car litter bags with the help of local business sponsors
- community clean-ups planned
- will erect roadway signs to remind drivers that littering is

unlawful, and issue phone numbers to report littering.

With these elements the Chamber Beautification Committee hopes to help keep litter off our roadways and make people aware of the adverse effects litter has on our entire community.

"Litter hurts everyone, our business owners in particular," said Chamber Beautification Chairman Ellis C. Cuevas. "This grant will greatly help our efforts to combat litter throughout Hancock County."

CAR LITTER BAG

The car litter bag is an ongoing effort to keep trash off our roadways and highways. Businesses and organizations helped by sponsoring the first and second printing of the bag, which will be distributed in schools, local businesses, the Chamber office and State Welcome Center. A third printing is planned, to be a sponsor of the third bag, call the Chamber office.

The first printing of the bag was sponsored by: Coast Electric Power Assn., Hancock County Port and Harbor, Latter & Blum Inc. Realtors, Coast Youth Ballet Academy, Performance Oil Change and Tune Up, ERA Bayshore Realty, Coldwell Banker/Coast Delta Realty, City of Bay St. Louis, City of Waveland, Union Planters Bank, Cellular South, Casino

Magic, The Sea Coast Echo, Hancock Bank and Alcan Cable.

The second set of bags are now available. Sponsors are: Hancock Chamber, Hancock County Port and Harbor, Kitchen-N-Baths by Park Supply, Hancock Medical Center, State Rep. J.P. Compretta, Telephone Pioneers-Gulf Coast Club, Kiwanis Club of Hancock County, Ansley-Lakeshore Civic Assn., Mississippi Power Company, Whitney Bank, Union Planters Bank, The Kid Company, Eaton and Cottrell, Holiday Inn-Waveland, Hancock Insurance, BLT Farms, and L&M Distributors.

ROADWAY SIGNS

The Chamber Beautification Committee will post roadway signs stating the phone number to call to report littering. The signs state: Help Keep Hancock County Beautiful, To report littering call 1-800-545-3764 or #47 from a cell phone. When reporting littering, callers should give the tag number, vehicle description, location and date of violation. This information will be turned over to the Mississippi Department of Public Safety. Volunteers are needed to help put the signs out.

Anyone wishing to help with the signs or car litter bags should call the Chamber office at 467-9048.

Casino

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with a petition signed by almost 300 Hancock County residents, who are in support of another casino along the beachfront.

"This bill was introduced by Sen. Cuevas at the request of the Hancock County Board of Supervisors with the additional support of virtually every elected official in Hancock County," Maness pointed out in a press release he faxed the Echo.

He charged, "We understand extensive lobbying by the Department of Marine Resources and Secretary of State Eric Clark have so far denied Hancock County the ability to plan its own future by keeping this bill bottled up in committee."

Maness added, "It is a travesty of justice to deny Hancock County the same opportunities as other counties. SB3181 will allow us to enjoy the 'Mississippi Miracle' that we have so far been denied."

District 3 Supervisor Lisa Coward is the only supervisor who has consistently voted against two resolutions supervisors have passed in support of beachfront property.

The Senate bill filed by Cuevas tracks the wording of previous resolutions passed by supervisors.

It asks that the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County be allowed to designate a waterfront Economic Development

Area that would run from Sand Bayou to Bayou Caddy.

Maness and the other property owners hired News Orleans attorney Vic Franckiewicz Jr., to develop a new strategy last January after a Chancery Court Judge sided with environmentalist and citizens group and overturned two previous votes by the Commission on Marine Resources that would have allowed more casino development.

It was Franckiewicz who suggested the situation could be remedied if supervisors requested the enabling legislation to create a waterfront economic development area be introduced in the current session.

The suggestion by Franckiewicz and the vote last January by supervisors to seek the legislation upset environmentalist Peggy Dutton, chairman of the Bay St. Louis Community Association.

She charged, "This move is an end run around the wetlands use plan and the upcoming Environmental Impact Study meant to give coastians the information needed for wise decision-making about these issues."

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Grant

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\$90,000.

"We are more than excited about the amount we received," Monti said, "While not all of the elements we had planned will be implemented at this time, we are well on our way of realizing our goals."

Perhaps, one of the most hopeful elements originally planned to be funded by the grant will be the opportunity to keep parents abreast of the technology being used in the classroom, Monti said.

"In the beginning we envisioned workshops at each grade level being held each semester for parents to demonstrate multimedia presentations using various types of software," Monti said, "Additionally, we hoped to establish a homepage on the Internet for Bay Middle that would provide family members with access to school news, student projects, and a calendar events and activities."

Monti said the school building it self, built in 1926 and listed on the National Registry of Historic Places, poses the greatest obstacle to easy advancement of technology.

"Because of its (the school building's) age and physical layout, problems such as inadequate wiring and the fact that we are spread out into three buildings, implementing technology is especially costly," Monti explained.

Funds from the grant along with monies from a local bond issue, Educational Enhancement Funding, and support from such "friends" of Bay Middle as the Naval Oceanographic Facility at Stennis Space Center, will be used to complete the quest to bring Bay Middle forward as a state-of-the-art technological facility.

Stennis

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ters parking lot, and "a swastika emblem and confederate flags were visible about the vehicle."

Under questioning, Hoda said the woman said, "She was of the Aryan race and belonged to the Aryan Nation."

Hoda identified the woman as Lois Anne Lambiris, 58, of Walled Lake Michigan, and deputies later found her brother in the local area. The brother told deputies his sister had mental problems, and he had been trying to locate her.

Lambiris was later sent for mental evaluation, and Hoda said it was determined that she suffered from mental problems. She is being held for an undetermined time for treatment.

Hoda said the woman would probably later be charged with criminal trespass on a complaint filed by NASA officials.

Resigns

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communication and decisions being made concerning the soccer program without his input, had read a prepared statement at the school's Winter Sports Banquet Wednesday, March 17 explaining his decision.

The only school administrator present at the banquet was Triplett.

Dr. Reed said Matthew, "has not said anything to me and has not turned in any notice."

Matthew did leave the door open for his possible return, saying he planned to remain at Bay High as an art teacher, but that he, "would not return as coach in the current atmosphere of indifference and lack of professional courtesy."

Farm

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net backbone. The state will pay half the cost of installation.

• Informed Bay St. Louis recreational officials that the county will try to help with improvements planned at the Francis Street ballfield providing the county and the city sign an interlocal agreement.

National Doctor's Day Tuesday, March 30

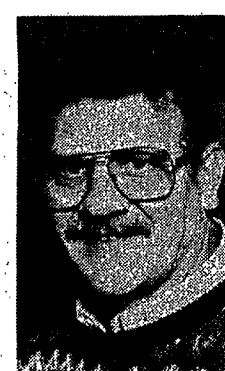
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Pilgrimage flower show winners

The Bay-Waveland Garden Club presented a standard flower show to begin the 52nd annual Spring Pilgrimage of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Council of Garden Clubs on March 18 at the Main Street United Methodist Church in Bay St. Louis.

The Designer's Choice awards were presented to Janet Dudding of Bay St. Louis.

The Club Competition award went to the Four Seasons Garden Club of Gulfport represented by Mary Francis Martin.

The Educational award was given to Cindy Villars of Diamondhead for a display on roses.

In the Horticulture division, Awards of Merit were presented to: Janet Dudding, Thelma Kueck and Eugene Monti of Bay St. Louis; and Juanita McMullin of Gulfport.

The Arboreal award was won by Janet Dudding of Bay St. Louis.

The Award of Horticultural Excellence was won by Juanita McMullin for her cymbidium orchid.

In the children's section Mandy Pomano and Michelle Bradley of Pearlinton won Youth Achievement awards for their entries.

The following exhibitors

received blue ribbons in the Design division: Alice Holmes of Bay St. Louis; Martha DeBolt of Hattiesburg; Susie Rogers and Karen Flores of Waveland.

These entrants won blue ribbons in horticulture: Alice Holmes, Lynette Nybo, Thelma Kueck, Janet Dudding, Kathleen Kemp, Eugene Monti, all of Bay St. Louis; Juanita McMullin and Betty Throop of Gulfport; Cindy Villars of Diamondhead; Maggie Musgrove of Long Beach; Elmore Burkart of Ansley; and Elizabeth Sekul of Biloxi.

In addition to the regular exhibits, Coast Electric Power Association displayed the winners of its Art in Bloom poster contest. Winners were:

Division I, grades 1-6: 1st place, Laura Shaw, Bay Catholic; 2nd place Christopher Breeland, Sacred Heart Elementary; 3rd place, Devon Weston, Bay Catholic.

Division II, grades 7-12: 1st place, Lynze O'Neil, Long Beach High; 2nd place, Jeremy Breeland, Mercy Cross High; 3rd place, Anthony Murphy, Bay High.

Over 900 visitors enjoyed the day's events as Bay St. Louis and the Bay-Waveland Garden Club hosted the opening day ceremonies.



Flower Show ribbon cutting

Over 900 visitors attended the Bay St. Louis *A Place Apart* Flower Show display at the Main Street United Methodist's Multi-Purpose Building. The Flower Show kicked off the Mississippi Gulf Coast Council of Garden Club Council's annual Pilgrimage which was completed on Friday, March 27. Among those in ribbon cutting were from left, Lyn Nybo and Alice Holmes, flower show co-chairmen; Leta Carter, Garden Clubs of Mississippi president of Rolling Fork; Brierley Acker, president of the Gulf Coast Council of Garden Clubs; Petie Hyman, pilgrimage general chairman; and Cindy Villars, B-W Garden Club hosts.

Potted plant display



Blue ribbon church design

Alice Holmes' live floral arrangement designed for worship received a blue ribbon. The show had hundreds of entries.

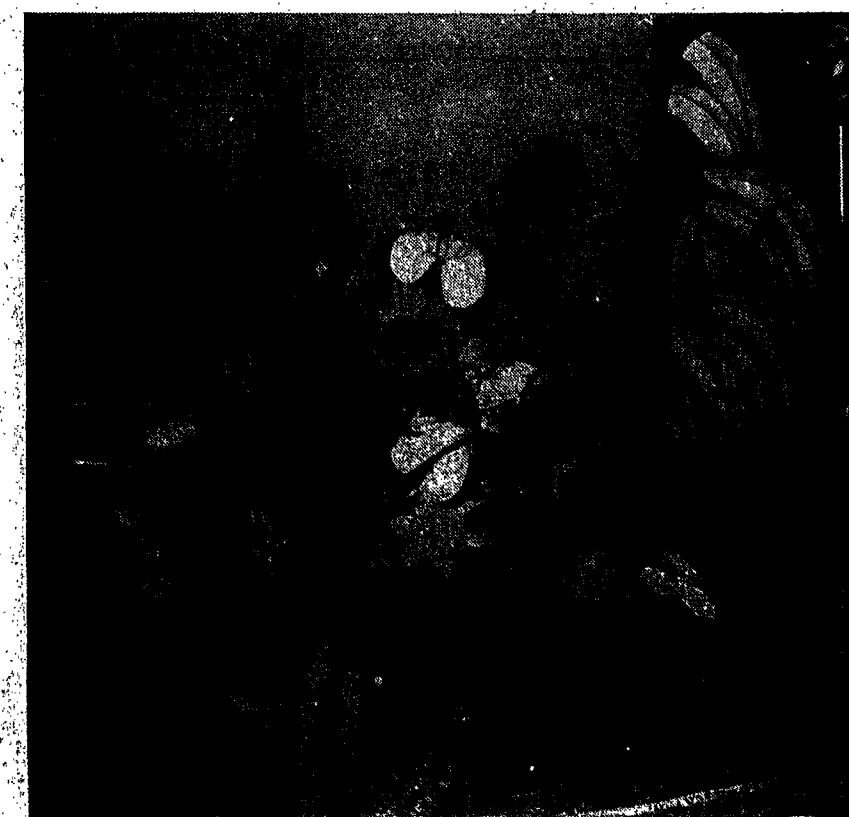


Designers choice award

Janet Dudding's exhibition table design stole the show by receiving the Designers Choice Award.



Horticultural display

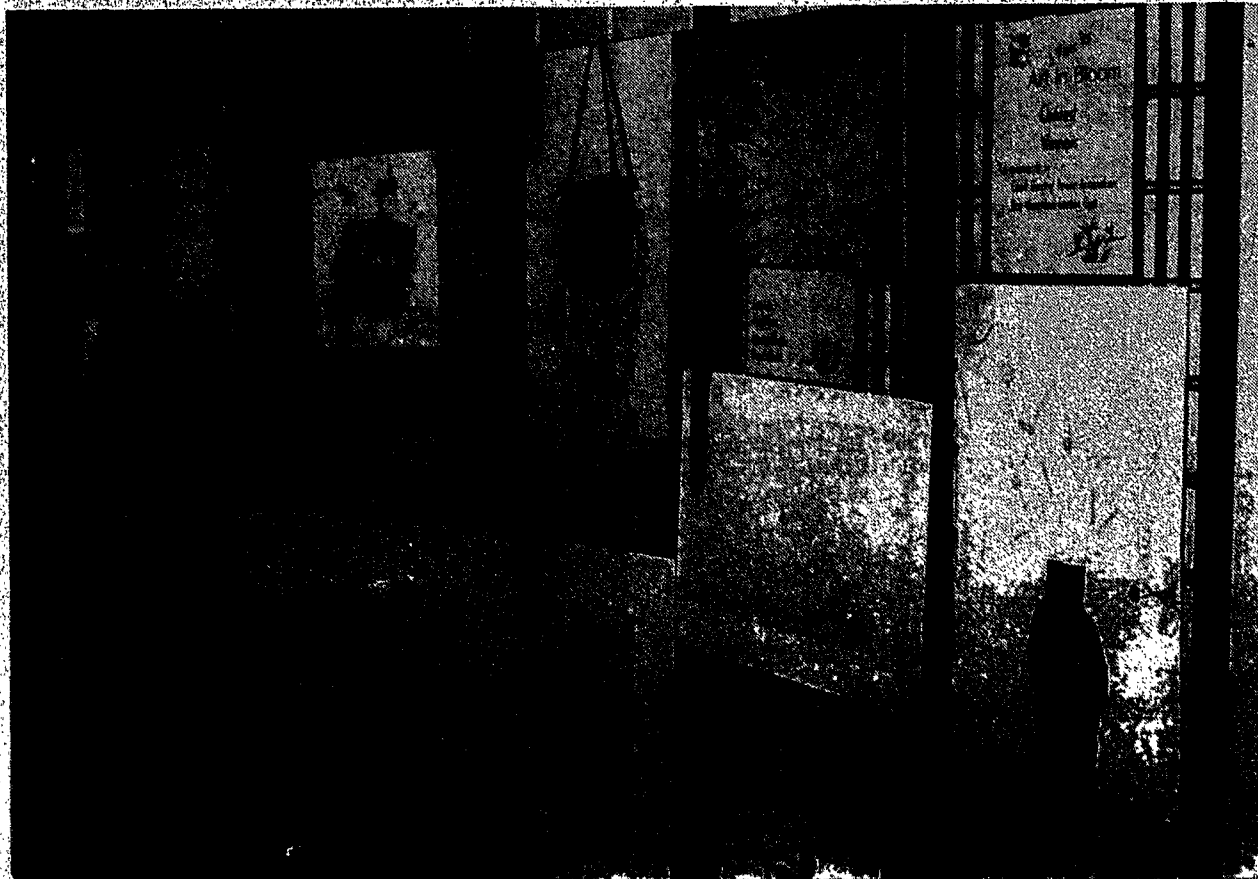


Design blue ribbon

Susie Rogers won a blue ribbon for her arrangement depicting a scarf.

Poster contest display

Some 50 entries were submitted by students from the area's schools in the Coast Electric Power Association's poster contest.



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LUNCH

Monday — Nachos Grande, Fish Burger, Oven-Baked Wedges, California Veggies, Tossed Salad, Fresh Orange Wedges, Applesauce, Fruit Juice, Crackers.
Tuesday — Pizza, Shaved Ham and Cheese Poby, Whole Kernel

Corn, Green Peas, Raw Veggies with Dip, Frozen Juice Bar, Pineapple Tidbits, Crackers, Vanilla Pudding.

Wednesday — Salisbury Steak with Gravy, Cheeseburger, Whipped Potatoes, Ranch Style Black Beans, Tossed Salad, Fresh Orange Wedge, Peach Slices, Fruit Juice, Yeast Rolls, Crackers, Cinnamon Roll.
Thursday — Chicken Patty Sandwich, Fish Nugget, Chef Salad, Spicy Fries, Broccoli Salad, Tossed Salad, Blushing Chilled Pears, Strawberry Fruit Gelatin, Assorted Fruit Juice and Assorted Crackers.
Friday — No School.

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Tuesday — Waffle Sticks, Mixed Fruit.

Wednesday — Flapsticks, Applesauce.
Thursday — Not available.
Friday — No School.

LUNCH

Monday — BBQ Chicken, Nachos Grande, Oven-Baked Wedges, California Veggies, Tossed Salad, Fresh Orange Wedges, Applesauce, Fruit Juice, Yeast Rolls, Crackers.
Tuesday — Pizza, Shaved Ham and Cheese Poby, Whole Kernel Corn, Green Peas, Raw Veggies with Dip, Frozen Juice Bar, Pineapple Tidbits, Crackers.

Wednesday — Salisbury Steak with Gravy, Soft Taco Supreme, Whipped Potatoes, Ranch Style Black Beans, Tossed Salad, Peach Slices, Fruit Juice, Yeast Rolls, Crackers.
Thursday — Fish Nugget, Hamburger, Chef Salad, Spicy Fries, Broccoli Salad, Tossed Salad, Blushing Chilled Pears, Strawberry Fruit Gelatin and Assorted Crackers.
Friday — No School.

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BIRTHS

ABIGAIL MARIA

FLANNERY

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Flannery of Diamondhead announce the birth of a daughter, Abigail Maria, February 8, 1999 at 3:02 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

Mrs. Flannery is the former Allison Miller.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Miller of Waterproof, La.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Flannery of Colorado Springs, Colorado. Great grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sneed, and Mrs. Stephanie Bochnia.

Abby is welcomed home by her sister Elizabeth.

MICHAEL SIDNEY

TURNER JR.

Komekia Necaise and Mike Turner of Gulfport announce the birth of a son, Michael Sidney, March 12, 1999 at 11:29 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Diane and Kenny Necaise of Pass Christian, Ms.

Paternal grandparents are Dan Turner of Beaumont, Ms. and Mary Wheeler of Gulfport, Ms.

Great grandparents include Rosemary and JB Ladner, Alice Breland and Helen Turner.

TYRESE NAVARRE

GUYTON

Charo Herrington and Jimmy Guyton of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their second child, a son, Tyrese Navarre, March 12, 1999 at 9:33 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 6 pounds, 0 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Sherry Hill and Russell Nichols, of Bay St. Louis, Ms.

Paternal grandparents are Diane Ramos of Kiln, Ms.

Great grandparents include Carrie and Stacy Herrington of Bay St. Louis, Ms. and Alvina Nichols of Bay St. Louis, Ms. Tyrese is welcomed home by his brother D'cedrio.

HANNAH ELIZABETH

Bryan Thompson and Sheri Pannell of Waveland announce the birth of a daughter, Hannah Elizabeth, March 13, 1999 at 9:44 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Sharon and Ramon Pannell of Waveland, Ms.

Paternal grandparents are Joseph and Betty Collier of Bay St. Louis, Ms. and Clayton Thompson of Waveland, Ms.

Great grandparents include Thelma Frisard.

GRACE CAMILLE

TRAPANI

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Trapani III of Waveland announce the birth of a daughter, Grace Camille, March 1, 1999 at 8:04 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

Mrs. Jolynne Trapani is the former Joynne Farace.

Maternal grandparents are Joseph and Vita Farace.

Paternal grandparents are Anthony and Carol Trapani.

ZACHERY TAYLER

WILSON

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Wilson of Perkinston announce the birth of their second child, a son, Zachery Tayler, March 19, 1999 at 1:56 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 5 pounds, 9 ounces.

Mrs. Wilson is the former Amanda Smith.

Maternal grandparents are Nealous and Shelia Smith of Steep Hollow, Ms.

Paternal grandparents are Robert and Lola Wilson of Necaise Crossing.

Great grandparents include the

late Norine and Verma Ladner of Necaise, Toxie Smith of Steep Hollow, the late Lanora Smith of Steep Hollow and the late John and Ruth Wilson of Harrison County.

Zachery is welcomed home by his brother Steven.

TYLER JOSEPH

PETERSON

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Dewayne Peterson of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their second child, a son, Tyler Joseph, March 15, 1999 at 9:39 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces.

Mrs. Peterson is the former Laura Lee.

Maternal grandparents are Joyce and Michael Lee of Bay St. Louis, Ms.

Paternal grandparents are Judy and Clarence Moran of Bay St. Louis, Ms.

Great grandparents include Mittie Zengaring of Bay St. Louis and Inez and Fritz Garcia of Pass Christian.

Tyler is welcomed home by his brother Clint.

KLOE ELIZABETH

John Campbell and Frances Green of Pass Christian announce the birth of a daughter, Kloe Elizabeth, March 15, 1999 at 5:11 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Matthews, of Pass Christian and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Green of Ansley.

Paternal grandparents are Carl Campbell of Pass Christian and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Neves of Bay St. Louis.

Great grandparents include Barbara Matthews, Mary Campbell, Ann McGraw, and Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Ray.

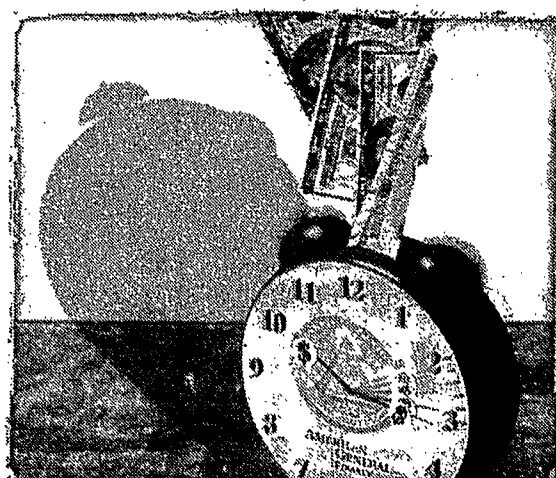
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Hancock's Womens Club

The regular monthly meeting was held at the Holiday Inn on the 11th of March, 1999. 30 members were present and two guests, Beverly Vaughan and Kay Kohlman.

President Niver welcomed all present and announced that Phil Lagasse had passed away and will be greatly missed. An outdoor and gardening book will be presented to the library in her memory.

Marge Thompson displayed the paintings to be auctioned off next month and turned them over to Madonna Boos, the new way and means chairman.

Sunshine chairperson sent "Get well cards" to Beverly Coogan and Margaret Heitzman. Birthday corsages were presented to Beverly Coogan, Margaret Heitzman, Madonna Boos, Rita Lapara, Dee Welding, and Marian Rapp. The scrapbook was displayed for viewing by Shirley Clemons.

Discussion of attendance on game day took place. By motion the group voted to discontinue these meetings until fall.

Dot Zimmerman motioned to approve a donation of \$200.00 to the "Make a Wish" Foundation. After discussion the membership approved. Shirley Jones mentioned that the foundation also accepts frequent flyer miles as a donation.

This month's food and money donation will be presented to St. Vincent's De Paul.

Installation of new officers took place. Billie Jean made the presentation, reading the purpose of the club. New officers are: President, Lucette Worrell; vice president, Harriet Richter; secretary, Mary Gilmore; treasurer, Amelia Killeen. The gavel was turned over to the new president who announced her new committee members. They are: ways and means, Madonna Boos, sunshine, Frances Wolfe, publicity, Shirley Clemons, telephone caller, Jean Longo.

Lois Cripple offered the closing prayer of thanks for our many blessing and the meeting adjourned.



Mardi Gras King and Queen

King Akua Kai XXV Brandon Decker and Queen Shirley reigned over Diamondhead Boaters Association's 1999 Mardi Gras ball and parade. The ball with a theme of Night of Magic, was held at Casino Magic, Bay St. Louis. (Photo by Richard Perkins)

Diamondhead Boaters Association

The Krewe of Kamehameha presented its carnival ball on February 12 at Casino Magic in Bay St. Louis. Members and guest were welcomed by Master of Ceremonies Lloyd Ramirez.

The theme of this year's ball was a "Night of Magic". An archway of black and white balloons greeted the guests as they entered the room and black top hats centered each table with rabbit ears and a bunny tail peeking out of the top. A hint perhaps, of what was yet to come.

The DeOrio band kept the revelers hopping until the royal proceedings began. As the loyal subjects rose, King Akua Kai XXV Brandon Decker and Queen Shirley entered the room to the traditional song, "If Ever I Cease to Love". Queen Shirley reigned supreme in a long sleeved sheath coated with royal purple roccaille and bugal beads.

A contrasting empire bodice, cutout back and sleeve headings shone with silver, green and purple sequins. King Brandons tuxedo with glittering crown and scepter, were compliments to the gold and silver collars and mantles adorned with elaborate symbols of the krewe designed and structured by Bernice Turner.

After promenading to the cheers and applause of their royal subjects, the King and Queen shared the first dance to the tune of "Old Black Magic" with the court members and guests joining in.

The evening was complimented by a gourmet dinner and David Vela, magician extraordinaire provided the wonderful entertainment.

Chairpersons for the ball were Mickey and Becky Jordan and decoration chairman was Pat Brandenberg.

Hancock County Exchange Club

The Hancock County Exchange Club meets every Thursday at the Holiday Inn in Waveland at 12 noon.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 139

On March 4, the ladies from Clement R. Bontemps American Legion Auxiliary Unit 139 visited the Dixie White House Nursing Center in Pass Christian and entertained the residents.

The residents were assembled in the Day Room by director of activities Jackie Burnett.

Lena Mae Oustalet played the piano as Roslyn Weathers led the singing.

On March 17, Unit 139 ladies visited the Woodland Village Nursing Center in Diamondhead. Judy Jackson, director of activities, had the residents waiting in the recreation room. Lena Mae Oustalet played the piano, and Roslyn Weathers led the singing.

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TOPS MS 233 Waveland met Tuesday, March 23 at the Waveland Public Library.

Pat was the best loser with a loss of 2.75 pounds. Juanita was the best KOPS loser.

There were 21 members present. The incentive was won by Charlotte. The gift was won by Rose. Shelly did the program on the new fat free chips.

TOPS MS 233 meets every Tuesday at the Waveland Public Library. Weigh-ins are from 5-5:45 p.m. with the meeting immediately following.

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According to Pacific Intercultural Exchange (P.I.E.) Executive Director, John Doty, the students are all between the ages of 15 and 18 years, are English-speaking, have their own spending money, carry accident and health insurance, and are anxious to share their cultural experiences with their new American families. P.I.E. currently has programs to match almost every family's needs, ranging in length from a semester to a full academic year, where the students attend local high schools.

P.I.E. area representatives match students with host families by finding common interests and lifestyles through an informational in-home meeting. Prospective host families are able to review student applications into just about any situation, whether it be a single parent, a childless couple, a retired couple or a large family.

Families who host for P.I.E. are also eligible to claim a \$50.00 per month charitable contribution deduction on their itemized tax returns for each month they host a student.

For the upcoming programs, P.I.E. has students from Spain, Germany, Poland, Russia, Finland, Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Paraguay, Australia, Sweden, Yugoslavia,

China, Belgium, Ghana and many other countries. P.I.E. has also been invited to participate in a special government-funded program to bring scholarship students from the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union to the United States. P.I.E. is a non-profit educational organization that has sponsored more than 18,000 students from 40 countries since its founding in 1975. The organization is designated by the United States Information Agency and is listed by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET), certifying that the organization complies with the standards set forth in CSIET's Standards for International Educational

Travel Programs.

Doty encourages families to contact the program immediately, as it will allow the proper time for the students and hosts to get to know one another before they actually meet for the first time.

Bay St. Louis area families interested in learning more about student exchange or arranging for a meeting with a community representative may call P.I.E., toll free, at 1-800-631-1818.

The agency also has travel/study program opportunities available for American high school students as well as possibilities for community volunteers to assist and work with area host families, students and schools.



Host club

The Hancock County Exchange Club was the host club for the Exchange Club's Inter Club Meeting recently held at the Waveland Holiday Inn. Among those attending were from left, Jimmy Johnson, State Exchange Club Representative; Regina Gleber, Hancock Exchange Club president; Thomas White, State Exchange Club President Elect; and Beth McArthur, Gulfport Exchange Club president. (Photo by Bob Hubbard).

Hancock County Republican Women's Club

The Hancock County Republican Women's Club met Thursday, March 4, 1999, at the Diamondhead Community Center.

Terry Randolph, Superintendent of Hancock County Schools, spoke about the Literacy program being conducted at the Public Libraries. A question and answer session followed Superintendent Randolph's address. There is always a need for volunteers for this worthy program. Information can be obtained by contacting your library.

Members were urged to attend the Executive Committee Meeting, Wednesday, March 10, 1999, 6:00 p.m., at Coast Electric in Bay St. Louis. Nick Walters, Candidate for Secretary of State, Jerry Switzer, Candidate for State Representative, District 93, and David Koger, Candidate for State Senator, District 46, were slated to speak.

Legislative Day, Tuesday, March 2, 1999, in Jackson was discussed. It was an interesting, informative and fun day. We were privileged to be in attendance when Gov. Fordice held a news conference naming Kay Cobb as the new Justice to the Mississippi State Supreme Court. A luncheon was held with candidates throughout the state who are running for office in the upcoming election.

Meetings are held the first Thursday of the month. The next meeting of the Hancock County Republican Women's Club will be Thursday, April 1, 1999, 11:00 a.m. at the Bay St. Louis Public Library.



Honor roll

In conclusion to a recent school-wide Lenten prayer service, Brother Ronald Hingle, S.C., principal of St. Stanislaus, recognized students for achieving President's Honor Roll (4.0 average) status for the first semester of the 1998-99 academic session, including, kneeling from left, Spencer Zeigler, James Brodtmann, Frankie

Harvey, Charles Baxter, Andrew Waterman and Colin Wilson; second row, T. J. Koger, David Bradley, Daniel Osorno, Andres Osorno, Albert Li and Gary Leung; third row, John Thibodaux, Denny Li, Jonathon Gagnon, Ed Flores, Warren Hudson, and D'mitri Sofianos; back row, Frederick Mallini, Trey Schorr, Kunal Patel, Chris Griffith, Padrick Dennis and Ryan Davis.

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Voiture scholars

Pearl River Community College students who receive private scholarships had an opportunity to meet their donors during a PRCC Development Foundation Scholarship Appreciation dinner in Poplarville recently. The dinner provides students with an opportunity to meet and thank the individual and or business who fund their scholarships. Kara Peterson of Kiln is this year's recipient of the Hancock/Pearl River County Voiture Scholarship. Pictured, from left, are Foundation Chairman Francis Herrin, PRCC President Ted Alexander, Voiture's Martin Blanchard, Peterson, Voiture's Karen Adams and Myrtle Blanchard.



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Pearl River Community College students who receive private scholarships had an opportunity to meet their donors during a PRCC Development Foundation Scholarship Appreciation dinner in Poplarville recently. The dinner provides students with an opportunity to meet and thank the individual or business who fund their scholarships. Kacey Edwards and Wendell Humphres, both of Bay St. Louis, are this year's recipients of the Bay St. Louis Katrina Overall McDonald scholarships. Pictured, from left, are Jim McDonald, Edwards, Foundation Chairman Francis Herrin, PRCC President Ted Alexander, Humphres and Winnie McDonald. The McDonalds are from Bay St. Louis.

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Conscience is important. It's an internal organ. It's not physical. It's spiritual. It passes judgement on everything you do. Your conscience says "yes" at times and it says "no" at other times. When your conscience says "no," after you have done something wrong, you feel bad.

Should you let your conscience be your guide? Probably not. Your conscience can lead you astray because your conscience is not perfect. It is naturally unclear. Plus, it needs to be trained. A properly trained conscience can be a great asset and tremendous blessing.

Before your conscience can be trained, it must be cleansed. Your conscience can actually get quite filthy. This is where Christianity comes in. The blood of Christ must "cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God" (Hebrews 9:14). Dead works are the things you do that are displeasing to God. You do not feel guilty when you do them because your conscience is not clean. A consci-

A matter of conscience

ence prepared to serve God, says "yes" when God says "yes" and "no" when God says "no."

Once you have a clean conscience, you can properly educate it. You instruct your conscience by reading the Bible and learning how God wants you to live. This is discipleship. It is a lifetime task, but it is well worth the effort. You can actually begin to please God.

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This week's clue: E equals 8

Have fun with cryptography and exercise your Bible knowledge. A King James Version Bible verse has been encoded by letter substitution. The same letter is substituted throughout the puzzle. Solve by trial and error. Answer to last week's puzzle: Luke 6:9 (C) 1999 Charles Marx 99-13

St. Rock sets Service in Park

St. Rock United Methodist Church, Waveland, will hold its Palm Sunday Service in the Martin Luther King Park, Her-

lihy St., March 28 at 3 p.m. Pastor Donald Peters, said, "Church choirs and members are invited to come share in the worship. Come one, come all."

St. Rose fish fry announced

St. Rose de Lima Church will be sponsoring a fish fry on Good Friday, April 2, 10 a.m. until in the St. Rose Parish Center.

Donation is \$5 a plate. Take-outs welcome. Delivery is available by calling 467-7347.

Lakeshore Baptist plan services

The Lakeshore Baptist Church, Lakeshore Road, Easter Services on Sunday, April 4, will be held at 8:30 a.m., Brother Don Elbourne said. There will be no 11 a.m. ser-

vice on Easter.

"Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend our special Easter Services," Elbourne said.



50th anniversary

Pablo and Virginia Lick Ramriez will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary April 5 in Bay St. Louis.

USM NAACP to sponsor drama/musical

The University of Southern Mississippi NAACP student chapter will sponsor a drama/musical entitled "This is My Blackness" at 7 p.m. March 30 in Marsh Auditorium.

The event, a celebration of African-American culture, will feature the Jackson State Uni-

versity Drama Team performing a combination of musical numbers and scenes. The cost is \$3 and is open to the public.

For more information, call Jennifer McDonald, president of the USM NAACP chapter, at (601) 266-2863 or Kinya Beckwith at (601) 266-1412.

Gary Maurice receives Douglas J. Williams Award

Bay St. Louis Assistant Fire Chief Gary Maurice was recently honored by Operation Wake-up for his "Outstanding Workmanship and Dedication Throughout the Many Years" with the presentation of the Douglas J. Williams Award. The public announcement is being made by Chief Robert Gavagnie.

Operation Wake-up, a local civic and social group that has chosen to honor the significant contributions of African-American citizens to the community. Maurice, a 20+ year veteran of the Bay St. Louis Fire Department, is a native of Bay St. Louis and carries on a family tradition of community service.

"Maurice is in charge of fire prevention education for the local department and in this position meets with the public regularly. He has become a positive African-American role model for children through

his work," said Chief Gavagnie. He continues his contributions to the welfare of the Hancock County community with his continuous work for the Hancock County Doll and Toy Fund sponsored by the Bay firefighters.

"We are always proud of our employees. It is very special when their services to the community are recognized by the public. We thank Operation Wake-up for this honor. An award in the name of Chief Williams is very special, particularly to an employee of the city. Williams contributed so much to the community as a husband, father, activist, businessman and civil servant. He continues to be a positive influence in our community," said Mayor Eddie Favre.



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Complimenting and Praising Others

William James, the American philosopher and psychologist once said that, "...all that people really want is to be praised." And, I would like to add, that it doesn't cost a thing to praise other people or to say something to them about their good qualities. I guess it is human nature that most people enjoy being complimented and praised. Whenever we give honest praise to someone, especially someone who generally does not receive many compliments, it helps to build self-esteem, and may actually make him or her strive to be a better person.

Complimenting others, without being maudlin, can develop into a pleasant habit, just as criticizing everything can become habit forming. Compliment your spouse or children when they have done something nice; mention to your pastor when you enjoyed his homily; and tell your co-workers you appreciate how well you work together. Everyone enjoys being around people who build them up and try to avoid those who bring them down. We should all ask ourselves, do we compliment more than we criticize? Just as we receive a blessing when we praise our Heavenly Father, we also are blessed when we honestly compliment others.

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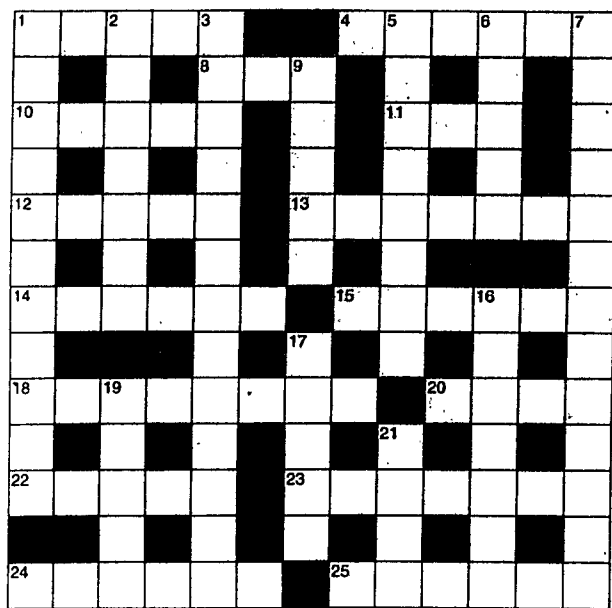
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16. Produced milk
20. Salvador _____, Spanish artist
22. Black Sea resort
23. Steamship line ends
24. Shuns
25. Put down

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2. Poetic meter, pl.
3. Emancipated
5. Gave off
6. Lips (Latin)
7. Original shape, as a new car
9. Fathers, baby talk
16. Create mentally
17. Cessation of vital functions
19. Chocolate bean
21. Thomas _____, British composer, 1710-1778

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Audubon Zoo fund raiser celebrates New Orleans style

The Bank One Zoo-To-Do at the Audubon Zoo will mark its 22nd year by celebrating all the best of New Orleans.

Showcasing the award-winning Louisiana Swamp Exhibit, the event will feature the city's finest food and fun beginning at 8 p.m. Friday, May 7. New Orleans musical icons The Neville Brothers will headline the evening's entertainment, followed by a New Orleans All-Star lineup. Sunpie and the Louisiana Sunspots will open the evening.

The Bank One Zoo-To-Do, which attracts nearly 6,000 patrons, is one of the nation's largest annual philanthropic events of its type, raising more than \$850,000 annually.

Dressed in formal and semi-formal attire, patrons gather under the historic oak trees shimmering with thousands of lights and themed decorations, to sample fine local cuisine from more than 100 of the area's food and beverage purveyors.

However, food and music will not be the only highlights of this gala, promised Daryl Byrd, New Orleans region president of Bank One, title sponsor of the event since 1993. A brand new 1999 Infiniti G20 will be raffled off that evening, thanks to a new automotive sponsor, Crescent City Infiniti.

All proceeds will benefit the Audubon Zoo. A hotline has been established at (504) 861-6166 to handle raffle ticket sales.

Patron and sponsor ticket levels begin at \$500 and increase to \$12,500 for private corporate tents. Individual tickets are available for \$145 for Audubon Institute members; \$185 for non-members.

For ticket information, call Bank One Zoo-To-Do hotline at (504) 861-6160, or visit the Web site at

www.auduboninstitute.org.

Tickets for the Zoo-To-Do for Kids, the pint-sized version of the gala event scheduled for Friday, April 30, are also available at \$12 for members; \$15 for non-members.

For information, call the hotline, visit the Audubon Institute Web site or send e-mail to plowery@auduboninstitute.org

Fun Facts about 1999 Bank One Zoo-To-Do

- Bank One Zoo-To-Do leads the nation as the largest fund raiser of its kind in the country.

- This year, our 22nd anniversary, we are "celebrating our own" — everything that makes Louisiana and, in particular New Orleans, special. There will be local theme music, food, beverages, decorations and atmosphere.

- 1999 will mark Bank One Zoo-To-Do's first vehicle raffle. Automotive sponsor Crescent City Infiniti donated a brand new 1999 Infiniti G20 as a raffle prize with all proceeds benefiting Bank One Zoo-To-Do.

- The Neville Brothers will headline an evening of great local entertainment. Special preview appearances by other New Orleans notables is yet to be announced.

- This year will feature a new song written and recorded by Allan Toussaint specially for Bank One Zoo-To-Do. The new "zoologist" is certain to become an Audubon Zoo favorite.

- Themed decorations will showcase the current renovation and expansion of the award-winning Louisiana Swamp exhibit.

Call 504-861-6160 for information.

Spring Powwow scheduled

Aquin's Native American Enterprise presents its fourth annual Powwow April 9-11 at the Rice Pavilion in Gulfport. Hours will be Friday, 4-7 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. until.

Highlights will be gourd dancing, intertribal dancing, Indian arts, crafts, and Indian foods. Cost is \$3 per person. Parking is free.

The public is welcome to attend and participate in the festivities and may bring lawn chairs. Alcohol will not be allowed at the Powwow.

For information, call Connie Manella at 228-863-7770 or Irene Delancy at 228-826-5271.

Jackson museum to close

The Mississippi Museum of Natural Science on Jefferson Street will close its doors to the public on March 31. The closure is in preparation for the October opening of the new Museum of Natural Science at LeFleur's Bluff State Park, according to the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

Existing exhibits and aquariums will be moved and incorporated into the new exhibits under construction. "We have gotten to the point that there is very little to see in the current Museum," Director Libby Hartfield said.

"We are using our best objects in the new exhibits. The new museum is fast approaching completion, and the staff is working hard to prepare a fantastic experience for our visitors."

In the interim period, a temporary satellite museum will be located in Northpark Mall, according to Hartfield. Through mall sponsorship, this new location will be open June 1 through August 27.

Volunteer opportunities at the Museum of Natural Science are available. Contact volunteer coordinators Jeannie Flint and Betsy Sullivan at 354-7303 for more information.

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ARIES - March 21/April 20

When it comes to a family decision this week, you can't think just about yourself. You're not the only person who will be affected by this. Consider the toll your choice will take on everyone involved, and then decide. A close friend needs your help with a problem at work. Offer your advice, but don't get too involved.

TAURUS - April 21/May 21

Keep a positive attitude when it comes to work, Taurus. There are a lot of rumors going around, but don't believe everything that you hear. Talk to reliable sources, and try to find out what's really going on. A loved one is feeling down in the dumps. Do what you can to cheer him or her up. Gemini is involved.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

"What are you talking about?" You'll find yourself asking this question a lot during the week. Friends and loved ones keep turning to you with irrational questions. Don't get frustrated; just try to help them understand what's going on. Leo plays an important role late in the week.

CANCER - June 22/July 22

A business accomplishment puts you in the spotlight at work. Don't shy away from the attention. You should be proud of what you've done. Your superiors are impressed with your efforts. That special someone is angered by something that you do late in the week. Try to make him or her understand your motivation.

LEO - July 23/August 23

Don't be taken in by an acquaintance's sweet talk. He or she is trying to get you to do something that you normally wouldn't do. Don't fall for his or her tricks. Stand up for what you believe in. A good friend shares a secret with you. Keep it to yourself, because it's not your place to tell anyone.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Don't be nervous about an important meeting this week. Virgo. You are more than capable of handling the situation and coming out on top. Loved ones offer their help with a personal matter. Say yes. You know that you can't handle this on your own.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

While you would prefer to be alone this week, you don't have that option. Coworkers get you involved in a difficult problem at work, and loved ones monopolize your time at home. Help everyone out, and do what they need you to do. Don't get frustrated — you'll have plenty of time to yourself soon.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Don't try to monopolize that special someone's time this week. He or she has a lot to do and can't be spending every minute with you. Don't get nervous. His or her feelings for you haven't changed at all. You're still the one. A family member asks for your help with a financial matter. Do what you can for him or her.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

You really stick your foot in your mouth when talking with a loved one early in the week, Sagittarius. Don't get upset with yourself. Just explain what you really meant to say. He or she will understand. A close friend invites you out. While you don't want to go, say yes. You're sure to have a good time.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Try to keep a stiff upper lip when someone whom you respect is upset with you. While some harsh words may be said, he or she really has your best interest at heart. Try to remember that. That special someone has a surprise for you. Enjoy!

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Don't just stand by and watch a close friend make a bad decision this week, Aquarius. Try to make him or her better understand the situation. While this person may be angry at first, he or she will be glad that you get involved. Gemini plays a key role late in the week.

PISCES - Feb 19/March 20

An acquaintance turns to you for help with a family problem. While you want to help, don't get involved. You don't know enough about the situation to give him or her sound advice. A loved one takes you out for a night on the town. Enjoy yourself!

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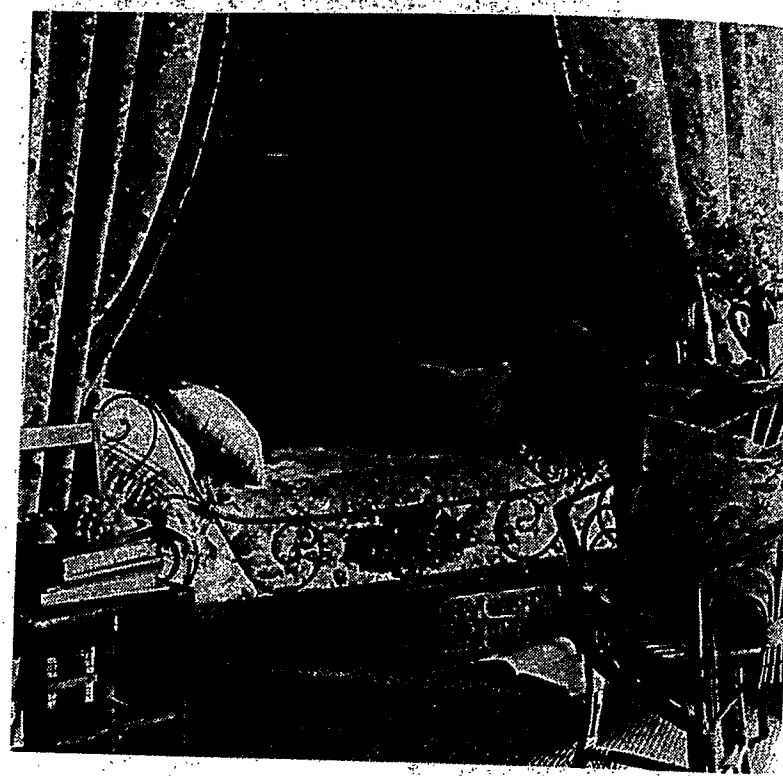
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Turn boring bedroom into a beautiful one

(MS)—The difference between a boring bedroom and a beautiful one may be less than you think. The room in which you spend most of your time should be one that pleases you, gives you a sense of serenity, and helps you recharge your energy and vitality. Here are some suggestions from Waverly on how to make your bedroom into a very special retreat.

• For many bedrooms, traditional placement of furniture may not be the most interesting approach. If you're tired of always having your headboard against a wall, try an alternative layout. For example, placing one long side of the bed against a wall frees up floor space and helps turn your bed into a multifunctional piece of furniture. A twin-size bed can be "floated" in the middle of the room for a unique look. Or, try positioning the bed on an



angle from one corner to keep the room from looking boxy.

• Bed canopies can be a simple, elegant way to give your bedroom an extra dash of personality. If you have a four-poster or canopy bed, drape lightweight fabric over the posts or railings. If you don't have one, create the effect with a few panels of fabric gathered on a small rod or stapled onto a small piece of plywood. You can create a corniced canopy effect by covering lengths of plywood with a layer of polyester batting, then stapling fabric over it.

• Bed linens don't have to be a matching ensemble. Mix antique bed linens, new novelty accessories, patchwork quilts and decorative pillows. These, combined with new patterned bed linens, create an opulent, elegant bed that has a great deal of individuality and

never looks too "matched."

• Use your walls to establish a mood and give your bedroom a big dose of personality by adding wallpaper and borders. Choose from among the many wallpaper options, like stripes, textural effects and elegant prints. Complement your bed linens and fabrics by coordinating an interesting wallpaper border, used either at ceiling height or midwall.

• Minimalism has hit the floors. Today's bedrooms have less underfoot, often letting natural wood floors take center stage, with smaller area rugs providing accents of color and warmth without looking heavy or cluttered.

• Combine patterns and textures throughout the room in novel ways. Instead of a floral print on everything, mix

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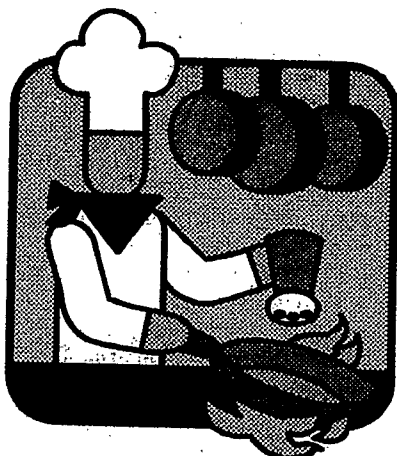
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For the grower without a garden spot, there is information on hydroponics, as well as growing gourmet mushrooms and sprouts in a spare room, basement or garage. A resource section, listing growing and marketing information for more than 20 high-value crops, also is included.

To get the free booklet, send your name and address, along with \$1 for shipping, to Home-stead Gardens, P.O. Box 2010, Port Townsend, WA 98368.

The following recipe, courtesy of "Country Living Gardener: A Garden of Recipes" (Hearst Books), by Cynthia Gibson, is sure to be savory.

A GARDENER'S SOUP

Serves 6

45 to 50 minutes

Nearly every vegetable you've planted in the garden can be added to this hearty soup — and feel free to add other vegetables to make it your signature soup. The brew is rich in flavor and filling. Serve in large bowls with toasted baguette slices.

2 tablespoons butter or margarine
3/4 cup chopped peeled carrots
3/4 cup chopped onion
1/2 cup chopped celery
2 1/2 cups peeled, seeded and chopped tomatoes
3 cups chicken or vegetable broth or water
1 cup shredded lettuce
Salt and freshly ground pepper
Chopped parsley, for garnish

Heat the butter or margarine in a large, heavy-bottomed soup pot. Sauté the carrots, onion and celery for about five minutes, until the onion is translucent. Add the tomatoes and broth or water and bring to a boil. Simmer the soup for about 30 minutes, then add the lettuce. Continue simmering for 10 minutes more.

Season to taste with salt and pepper, garnish with the parsley, and serve piping hot.

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You must know what those projects are and how easy it is to avoid making costly mistakes," says Easter.

For 23 years, this successful real-estate broker has been teaching consumers the insider industry tricks. All consumers make mistakes when improving or buying a home, and Easter is quick to point out those crucial errors in his books, "The 14 Home-Selling Secrets, The Mistakes Everyone Makes" (\$19.95) and "HOME BUYING POWER: Inside Tips, Tricks and Trends for Buying the Home of Your Dreams!" (\$17.95), from 1-800-848-5593 or <http://www.easterexpress.com>.

"The No. 1 mistake is not having a game plan. Before you contact a real-estate company or builder, know the key questions to ask to protect your pocketbook," says Easter.

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1) list with the agent who quotes the highest sale price. The agent knows the owner already has an emotional attachment to the property, along with an unrealistic price. The agent throws out a high listing price, and the owner signs.

2) fail to understand that listing agreements are written to tie the owner to the company without giving an accounting of exact services and marketing. Before you get locked into a listing agreement, know how to protect your rights.

Robert Brass, Tribune Media Services syndicated columnist, says, "This very realistic book ('The 14 Home-Selling Secrets') is filled with practical sales advice to home sellers. His advice is practical, honest and often against the best interest of his profession."

"Knowing the 10 most critical items to fix before you put your home on the market can put big money in your wallet. Fixing certain items can bring a larger return than others, and some items really don't

cost any money, just some work. In my home-selling book and special report we explain in detail what to do before you sell," says Easter.

There are many hidden traps of buying or building a home. "Paying too much for a home is the No. 1 pitfall to avoid. Another major mistake is not knowing the 43 advantages and disadvantages of buying a new or resell home. Smart shoppers want to know how to avoid the hidden traps of buying the wrong home," Easter says.

Mark Victor Hansen, New York Times best-selling author of "Chicken Soup for the Soul," says, "Protect your investment by learning the best advice and wisdom from a leading consumer advocate. Easter zeroes in on money-saving tips to protect home buyers now and in the future."

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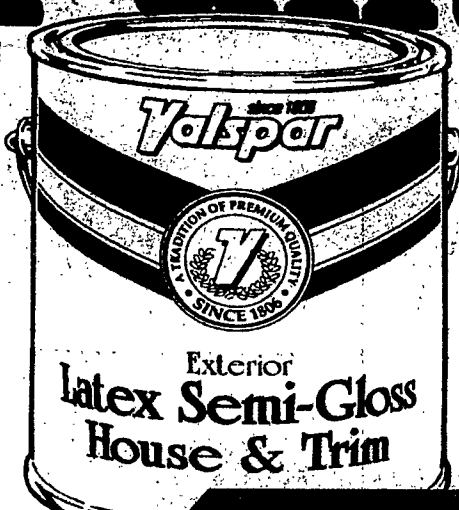
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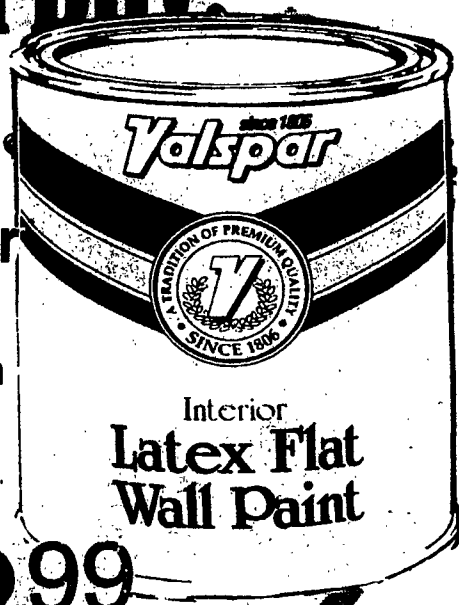
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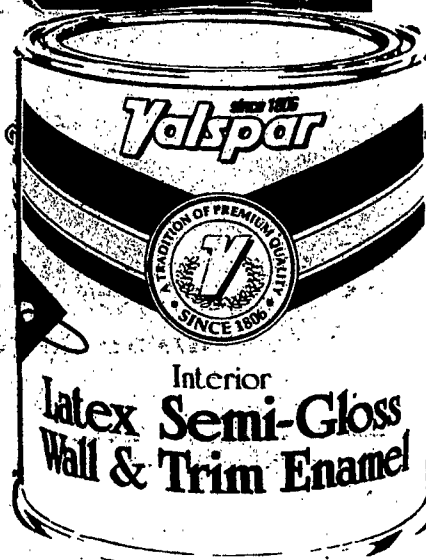
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(MS) — Why not start a vegetable garden this year? Even if you've never done it before, you can create a prosperous garden with some expert advice and useful products.

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An easy and inexpensive way to find out exactly what your soil needs is by checking with your local county extension agency. Representatives there will be able to tell you what works best with the soil in your area.

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Cleaning your house can raise needed cash

"Redecorating could cost you nothing," claims author Tony Hyman, if you're careful when you clean house.

Nearly everyone owns a few old things which can be sold to help cover the cost of the new, he says.

A good place to begin is with the junk that children leave behind, Hyman points out, since children's things don't have to be very old to have value.

Five of the 10 most valuable baseball cards date from the 1950s. Transistor radios from the 1960s have reached the \$300 mark. So have dolls, action figures, plastic model kits and rock 'n' roll posters from the same period. Some Happy Meals boxes are worth hundreds of dollars, and a handful of PEZ dispensers have brought \$1,200.

David Welch, of Illinois, says he'll pay \$1,000 or more for 50 other toys from the 1960s that originally cost less than \$5. If you have one of those items, how do you find Welch to cash in?

The key to getting these outlandish prices is locating the people willing to pay them. There only is one good buyer of cigar boxes in the entire United States and finding top buyers of collectibles like cap guns can be equally difficult.

That's where Hyman enters the picture. Twice weekly, his syndicated Trash or Treasure radio show helps listeners sell everything from arrowheads to road maps. For 18 years, he's been asked to help sell oddities like Buddy Holly's airplane, Lee Harvey Oswald's tombstone and Ty Cobb's uniform, plus many millions of dollars of more ordinary items turned collectible. The biggest find? A two ton farmyard meteorite that brought \$200,000. Listener demand led Hyman to put his helpful tips into print.

Trash or Treasure Directory of Buyers contains 640 pages of what collectors want to buy,



where to go for free appraisals, and pages of tips on how to get top dollar for china, records, watches, jewelry and everything else you want to sell. It includes names, addresses, and phone/fax/e-mail of more than 1,200 reliable experts ready to pay cash for more than a million different items you might own.

Hyman created his book because "it's easier, safer and far more profitable to dispose of your stuff to helpful experts over the phone or through the mail."

Trash or Treasure is \$29.95, plus \$5 shipping/handling, from Treasure Hunt, Box 3028-CN, Pismo Beach, Calif. 93448. Prompt orders that mention the name of this newspaper will get The World's Most Accurate Antiques and Collectibles Price Guide included at no extra charge. Credit-card customers can call 1-800-549-7500. A 30-day money-back guarantee is given.

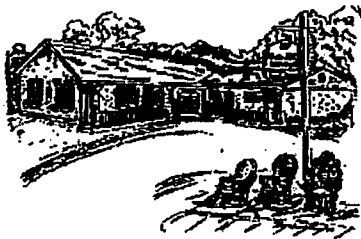
Don't underestimate the

value of some rather ordinary-looking things, Hyman warns. A Griswold No. 1 cast-iron frying pan is worth \$1,000 to "Pan Man" Smith, in New York. Your high school ball glove could bring \$2,500 from Illinoisian Dave Bushing, if it has the right player endorsement. New Englander Bob Block pays that much for some 20th century glass marbles. The G.I. Joe nurse doll is worth \$5,000 to a Florida man, and if you call Mike Strauss, there's a toy Hot Wheels Volkswagen for which he'll pay you \$3,000.

Beer mugs, bicycles, Hawaiian shirts, coffee cans, cigar boxes, plastic characters that promoted junk food, violins, tractor parts, corn planters, guns, swords, knives, bottles, crocks, rugs, lamps, magazines, books, postcards, autographs, fountain pens, typewriters, calculators, car jacks and radios, medals, catalogs, and uniforms are among 2,200 potentially valuable categories.

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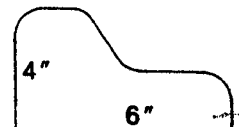
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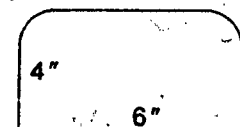
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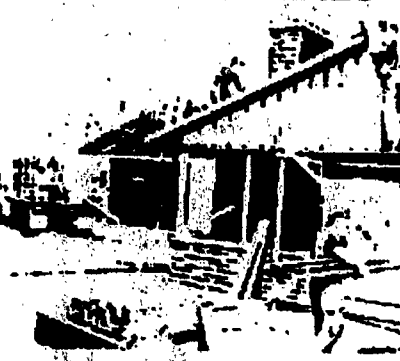
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Nature may have shortchanged your soil

Peat moss helps correct deficiencies

(MS) — A good foundation is the most important ingredient of any endeavor. Whether dancing, writing, building or gardening, a strong, well-prepared foundation is the key to success. Just try writing a novel without solid language skills, or singing an opera without having mastered your scales.

Creating a garden is much the same. Only in gardening, good soil is the foundation you need before you can create landscape masterpieces.

Most garden plants long for luxurious, loamy soil. "Fit" soil — soil that is full of organic material, of near-neutral pH and with the capacity for good drainage — produces healthy, better-looking plants. Soil this fit, however, is unusual in the United States; it must be

made.

This is not as daunting a task as it sounds. To improve soil, begin by answering some basic questions:

• **Texture** — To determine your soil's texture, scoop up some of it and study it. If it runs through your fingers, then it's too sandy. Water, along with nutrients, will drain too quickly to benefit plants.

If it's thick and lumpy and clings together in a ball, then you have heavy soil, most likely with a high clay content. Plant roots will have a hard time penetrating such soil, and they will starve due to lack of air and water.

Adding a large quantity of organic material improves the texture of all soils. Canadian sphagnum peat moss is the easiest choice, and it offers the fastest results. An all-natural, biodegradable and odor-free organic material, Canadian peat is available in bales at nurseries and garden centers.

If you have compost available, blend it 50:50 with the peat moss; it adds nutrients and helps improve the soil texture.

• **Dig into soil** — Spread 2 inches to 3 inches of peat/compost over the soil and dig into the top 6 inches to 8 inches. This mixture loosens clay soils and improves aeration and drainage. As well, it absorbs

moisture and reduces the leaching of fertilizer in sandy soil.

• **Soil pH** — If your soil is well-balanced, fertilizers will work correctly and plants will thrive. You can't judge your soil's chemical composition just by looking at it. You need to know its pH.

A soil's "pH" describes its alkalinity or acidity, as measured on a scale of 0 to 14, with pH 7 representing neutral. Lawns, vegetables and most flowers prefer a neutral or slightly acidic soil, between 5 and 6.5. Take a 3-inch deep sample of soil to your garden center and have them test it for pH.

• **Important nutrients** — A balance of the three major plant nutrients — nitrogen (N), phosphorous (P) and potassium (K) — is necessary for good soil. When you shop for fertilizer, you'll see that the bags are labeled with three-number formulas.

Before planting, spread the fertilizer on top of your soil in the suggested quantity, then dig or till it into the top 3 inches.

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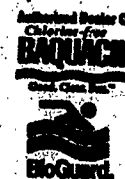


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Don't ignore 'curb appeal' when preparing your home to sell

(MS) — You've made sure every nook and cranny inside and out is clean and freshly painted, put fresh flowers in the living room and even followed the old-fashioned home-selling advice of having an apple pie in the oven to make your house feel more like home to prospective buyers. If you haven't paid adequate attention to your yard, however, all of your interior efforts could be for naught because, say indus-

try experts, your home's first impression — its "curb appeal" in real estate parlance — sets the tone for a buyer's overall perception.

"Buyers frequently make up their minds about a house before they even step foot in the front door," says Jim Bunch of Garden for Better Living, a nonprofit organization that espouses gardening. "You can see by their expressions that something about the outside of the house or yard has turned them off and it's very difficult to change their attitude after that."

According to Bunch, you don't necessarily need to take dramatic steps to improve your yard. Instead, aim to highlight the positives and play down the negatives. "When you consider that the average value of a home is more than \$100,000 and the overall effort you'll need to sell it, sprucing up a lawn and landscaping generally is a relatively small, but important investment."

Bunch says the first step in preparing your yard to be an asset in selling your home is to try to view it as a prospective home buyer might. "Drive up to your house as if you had never been there and notice what you see first," he says. "Also notice where your eye is drawn by the landscaping. If you don't like what you see, it's likely that a home buyer won't either."

Once you've identified possible problem areas, Bunch suggests these tips:

- **General maintenance** — You've taken the time to make the inside of your home as clean and presentable as possible and you should do the same for the exterior. Rake leaves and clean up other debris from your yard. Inspect fencing and other yard structures. Use an herbicide to kill weeds and grass in your driveway and walkways.

- **Lawns** — You want your lawn to be as green and full as possible. For bare spots, look to use one of the specialized lawn-patch products available. These products typically include grass seed along with fertilizer and a mulch-type mixture designed to protect

the seed while it takes root. Take the time to fertilize your entire lawn to encourage quick "greening" and growth. If weeds are a problem, use a combination of fertilizer and weed killer. Bunch also recommends that you leave your grass about 3 inches high after mowing. "A 3-inch-high lawn is short enough to look neat, yet high enough to disguise weeds and smaller bare spots." To really spruce up appearance, use an edger along paths and driveways.

- **Trees and shrubs** — Prune and clip shrubs to give them a uniform, clean shape. Prune trees to remove dead branches and to improve views of the house or architectural detail. "A treed lot is an asset, but only if the trees are healthy and vibrant while allowing some sun to reach the house and yard," Bunch points out.

- **Plant beds** — Clean out dead plants, leaves and debris and add additional mulch to give the beds a fresh, clean appearance. Consider putting in an attractive but inexpensive plastic border. They are easy to install and dramatically can improve the appearance of plant beds.

- **New plantings** — A few new plants and flowers can do wonders to improve the appearance of a home. Supplement any yet-to-bloom perennials with flowers that currently are in bloom. Add a few ornamentals to fill out problem areas. Your local garden shop can give you advice on the flowers and shrubs that are best for your area.

You also dramatically can improve and highlight walkways and entryways by adding containers filled with blooming plants and flowers. "Container gardening really has caught on across the country, so there are lots of choices of containers and plants available from just about any garden center," Bunch says. "Plastic containers are a good choice if you're selling your home because they are inexpensive, lightweight and easy to put in place."

- **Accents and accessories**

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New ideas for privacy landscaping

One of the biggest challenges facing homeowners is finding privacy in their own backyards. Many have turned to privacy fences to maintain their solitude, but find them dark, unattractive and confining.

Finding the perfect balance between seclusion and openness is difficult. Creative homeowners are turning to landscaping with plants and lattice to create a natural barrier between themselves and their neighbors. Privacy landscaping adds cover where needed while maintaining an open atmosphere throughout the rest of the yard.

Lattice is a framework of strips made from plastic, wood or metal interwoven to form beautiful patterns. The criss-cross pattern in the lattice filters sunlight, creating splendid shadow patterns, and is an ideal framework for climbing plants.

Use lattice to accent landscape and foliage while providing privacy.

• Add lattice to the top of an existing fence to add height

while maintaining openness.

• Build a lattice surround for an outdoor spa or hot tub.

• Use lattice to mask a carport or hide unsightly objects.

• Build a garden wall or arbor with lattice for climbing plants.

• Add lattice around a deck or porch to create an intimate, private patio.

Plastic lattice is perfect for privacy landscaping in places that get direct sunlight or are exposed to harsh, wet weather. It comes in a variety of colors and styles, providing different degrees of privacy.

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Don't neglect those indoor plants

(MS) — Your yard looks great. The lawn is in top condition. You've pruned your trees and shrubs, created some new landscape beds, and even started to work on your garden.

You probably think that all of your plants have been taken care of. Well, think again. When was the last time you actually gave your houseplants food? Outdoor plants aren't the only ones that can benefit from a little extra attention this time of year.

Spring actually is one of the best times to tend to your indoor plants. Giving those houseplants a boost can be easy, and one of the most effective ways to do so simply is by feeding them.

You may have avoided fertilizing your indoor plants because you were skeptical about using messy, smelly chemicals in the house. However, you'll be glad to know that these days, fertilizing can be a snap.

Forget the spills on carpets or hardwood floors. To fertilize today, all you have to do is stick a small spike into the soil around your plant. One of the most cost-effective and convenient spikes on the market is Jobe's® Fertilizer Spikes for Houseplants.

The easy-to-use houseplant fertilizer spike can be found just about anywhere that carries garden supplies. Made for a wide variety of houseplants, the spikes feed the plants at the roots, where they need it most.

To use, insert the spikes into the soil around the plant, halfway between the stem and the edge of the pot. Once you push the spike into the soil, your plant will be well-fed for two months.

Another nice thing about using the spikes is that you'll never have to worry about overfeeding, because each spike is specially formulated to supply plants with the exact nutrients they need.

Also, when sprucing up those houseplants, don't forget about the potted plants or hanging baskets that you may have outside on your deck or sun porch.

So remember, when you're out picking up garden supplies this spring, don't forget fertilizer for those indoor plants. After all, houseplants need attention, too.

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— Bird feeders, houses, baths, and other garden accents and accessories should be clean and in good physical condition. If not, take the time to replace them. If you don't have any in your yard, consider adding a few. "Singing birds make a yard feel more home-like. If your yard is a refuge for beautiful songbirds, it's likely to be a more enjoyable refuge for new homeowners," notes

Bunch.

With a bit of planning, your yard can be in top shape and ready to impress buyers with a weekend or less of work. "The time spent sprucing up a yard pays dividends as much as a fresh coat of paint on the inside does," Bunch says. "The bottom line is that a house which has great curb appeal is going to be easier to sell."

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What's hot in wallcovering

(MS)—Despite an abundance of wallpaper patterns on the market, certain looks have become more popular with homeowners today than in days past. Stacy Senior, marketing manager for Thibaut, a leading manufacturer of wallcoverings and fabrics, tells about the trends her company sees relative to design, color and usage of wallpapers, borders and fabrics in the home:

•Novelty patterns—According to Senior, there is a growing interest in novelty designs—patterns that are unique, lighthearted and fun. For example, a pattern called Legacy from Thibaut's new Chronicles collection features a block-letter design in a neo-classic style. The pattern is

adventuresome, yet subtle. "It is popular for use in master baths and powder rooms," comments Senior. Other novelty designs include a pattern with flowering topiary trees, and a Majolica pattern with whimsically painted porcelain vases, pitchers, teapots and planters.

•Animals—"Interesting animals" from Africa—like monkeys, elephants, cheetahs, leopards and giraffes—are being incorporated into traditional floral designs," states Senior. The designs are not "cutesy," but sophisticated and elegant-looking. "The animals add a refreshing feel to the familiar traditional style, and the designs are appropriate for either formal or casual settings," she notes. According to Senior, leopard and other animal-print fabric patterns are a strong, continuing trend.

•The "fabric feel"—"We have incorporated 'relief' effects into many newer patterns, in which designs take on the look of worn or woven fabric," says Senior. The textural look is created through the design and the printing process (the paper is not actually raised or textured). "The result is a softer, more gentle appearance on the wall," she comments. Relief effects have been used to embellish everything from floral to paisley designs.

•Large-scale patterns—"The small-scale, mini-print patterns of the '80s are out," says Senior, "while more daring, large-scale designs are in." Small-scale tone-on-tone prints are good complementary sidewall patterns below a chair rail, or in an adjoining smaller-sized room, but larger-scale designs are being used in kitchens, master baths, bedrooms and dining rooms. "The popularity of larger-scale designs has stemmed from trends in building and remodeling, in which we see more open kitchen and family-room areas, higher ceilings, larger windows, and dramatic entry foyers," Senior comments.

•Tone-on-tone designs—For those who are hesitant to use bold, flat-painted color on their walls, tonal patterns are a popular, softer option. Tone-on-tone patterns usually feature a melodious design colored with "screens" of one hue (lighter and darker shades of blue, for example). Tonal patterns can include damasks, paisleys, scrolling architectural designs, stripes, and soft, subtle diamond, Harlequin or leaf-print designs. Tonal patterns are clever choices when trying to pull together the look of several rooms with varying patterns and colors.

•Fresh, clean colors—"Some of Thibaut's newest designs are colored with yellow



greens, grass-blade greens that are truer to nature, festive coral-pinks, dashes of purple, lemon yellow, sky blue and purplish-periwinkle," says Senior. The company sees demand shifting away from hunter green, teal, mauve and navy "jewel tones" that were popular three to five years ago.

•Earthy palate—Another popular color scheme includes more earthy tones, like olive green and khaki, plum, sage, clay, burgundy, brick red, wheat gold, and aubergine.

•Taupe and black—"Neutral colors still are popular," comments Senior. They complement all types of styles, including contemporary tastes, and work well in large open spaces. They also can add "resale" value to a home.

•Borders used to "coordinate" rather than "complete"—In years past, borders more commonly were used to "finish off" and complete the look of one room. "Today, we are seeing borders frequently used with tone-on-tone wallpaper to combine the look of two or more rooms," says Senior. While a prominent wallpaper design might be used in the master bath, for example, a coordinating border is used in the adjoining bedroom or hallway, paired with a tone-on-tone sidewall paper, to help achieve an overall "whole-house" effect. The border is not used solely by itself, as the look seems "unfinished."

•More color on the walls—"Homeowners are choosing patterns with more background color," says Senior. "Sage and a minty apple-green are popular grounds for many of our newer designs. Soft yellow has been a popular background color for the past several years, and sensuous red grounds also have become popular," states Senior.

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A garden should be "a refuge from the stresses and strains of modern life, a place to observe the changing seasons and be at one with nature," writes Kay Fairfax, author of "Country Living Gardener: The Tranquil Garden" (Hearst Books).

If you long for a peaceful, verdant paradise that will soothe and inspire you throughout the changing seasons, take a walk through "The Tranquil Garden" and learn how to transform your outdoor space into a relaxing retreat.

Ripe with creative, yet practical ideas and lush illustrations to help you select the ideal elements for cultivating

your dream garden, the book shows you how to achieve a garden that not only reflects your individual lifestyle, but also harmonizes with your home.

To help plant the seeds and form a vision of the garden that will bring you the most pleasure, Fairfax suggests you consider the following:

Style—From natural to formal to oceanside to exotic, there is an array of garden styles to consider. Your garden should satisfy all of your senses—sight, sound, smell, touch and even taste. However, it also should fit your lifestyle.

Perhaps you're fascinated by the serene minimalism of a

Japanese garden. If you don't have a lot of time to dedicate to your garden and require a low-maintenance style, a Japanese garden, in which the dominant elements are water, gravel, wood and pebbles, makes an ideal choice.

If, however, you want to enjoy the true physical delights of a garden—like fresh tomatoes, mushrooms, potatoes and herbs for cooking up your favorite recipes—there's no better choice than an edible garden.

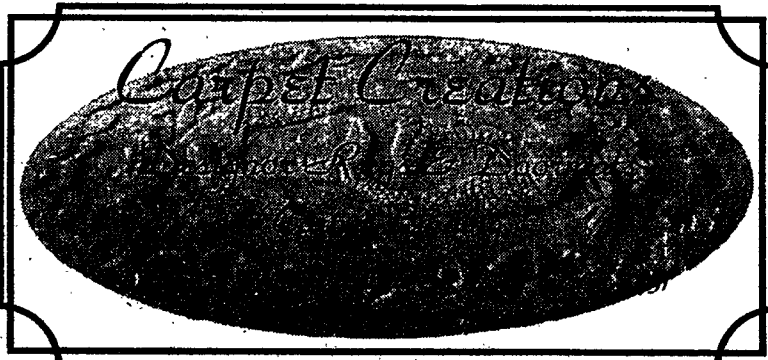
Perspective—To achieve perspective, the sum of a garden's parts—like color, shade, light, planting or ornaments—must add up to a balanced, cohesive whole.

One way to achieve perspective in the garden is by creating variations in pattern. For example, a sunken pond with stepping stones and plantings of flowers and grasses can create an eye-catching formation that reflects balance and harmony.

Another way to vary pattern is with imaginative planting schemes, like a pot of cabbage surrounded by stalks of ruby chard, which introduce interesting focal points.

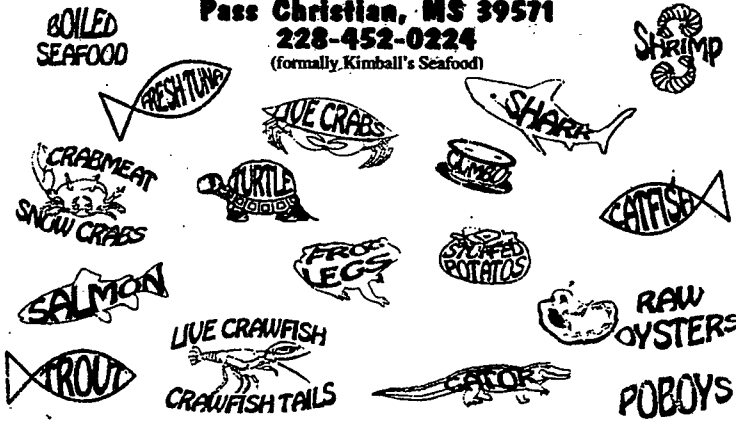
Detail—From structural features to building materials to natural elements, detail is what makes a garden complete. The ideal detail for your garden may be a wall, a seat, an ornament or even a path.

If you have the resources, a water feature—like a soothing waterfall spilling into a pebble pool—can have a powerful effect on the senses. Bringing light, movement and sound to a garden, water may be the most natural way to pool tranquility into your garden.



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Tips for deciding when to replace windows

Feeling chilly drafts through your windows during the winter or living with windows swelled shut from humidity during the summer months? If so, it may be time to evaluate whether to replace problem windows. That's the advice of experts at Weather Shield Windows and Doors, one of the nation's leading manufacturers of quality window and door products.

"All products in a home wear out over time, and windows are no exception," says Patrick Patterson, remodeling-replacement market manager, Weather Shield. "Homeowners with windows more than 25 years old in a house need to consider replacing those windows in order to gain the best energy efficiencies and to protect the 'envelope' of the house."

To determine if the windows in your home are candidates for a replacement job, Weather Shield recommends checking for telltale signs that a window is losing its effectiveness. Some tips for making this determination include:

- Stand inside your house on a windy day with a lit candle near the window. If the flame flickers or goes out, your weatherstripping on the window could be damaged.
- During the winter, if a window experiences ice build-up or a frosty glaze, the ventilation in your home may not be adequate. Another option is that your window may not be providing enough insulation value for your home, making your heating bills soar.
- Do you need to prop open your window with a book or stick? If so, the window may have lost its functionality.

- Sit near your window. If you feel cold air coming in during the winter or hot air during the summer, your windows have little insulation value. This means you're paying more to heat and cool your house during the year to compensate for the exterior air entering your home.

- Do your windows get fogged with condensation? If so, you may have a seal failure and need to replace the glass or the entire window.

Depending on the results of some of these tests, your budget and home style, you have options for replacing your windows. Work with a professional

installer or remodeler to evaluate your choices.

Weather Shield offers Custom Shield™ replacement windows in wood and the RetroVision™ line of low-maintenance vinyl replacement windows with a choice of design options. A Tilt Sash Replacement Kit from Weather Shield is another alternative for double-hung windows. These kits provide a quick, easy way to get quality windows without replacing the entire window.

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Six steps to better home comfort

(MS)—Want to be more comfortable and save energy this spring and summer? Here are six home-comfort tips from Dr. Walt Lyons, a leading researcher on air pollution and local-scale weather patterns. Dr. Lyons, also known for his consumer education work for Honeywell, is the nation's only "indoor meteorologist."

1. Get — and use — a programmable ("setback") thermostat. Feeling too hot or too cold is the No. 1 home-comfort complaint, according to a Honeywell survey of 1,000 U.S. households. A quality programmable thermostat can help keep you consistently comfortable by maintaining your home's temperature to within one degree of the thermostat's setting. When used as intended, it may help you automatically shave off up to

30 percent on your annual heating and cooling bills, which could lead to an estimated savings of up to \$200. A programmable thermostat can be set to switch automatically to an energy-saving temperature overnight or when you're gone, and return automatically to a comfort setting just before you get up or get home.

2. Tune up your central air conditioning system. Have a cooling system professional inspect and service your system each year to help ensure that it runs efficiently. This also may help spare you the headache of trying to get a broken-down system repaired on the hottest day of the year.

3. Wash or replace your system's filter monthly. After all, dirty, dusty filters can clog up

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A heat pump is neither miraculous nor new. The first factory-made units rolled off production lines more than three decades ago. Millions of

heat pumps are in operation in every section of the country — schools, offices, hotels, stores and industrial plants, as well as homes.

Why the continued, and even increasing, popularity of heat pumps? It's because design improvements have created a new generation of heat pumps that offer reliability, as well as efficiency and energy savings.

A heat pump replaces both

furnace and central air-conditioning equipment with a single heating-cooling system, thereby "pumping" heat into the structure in winter and into the outdoors in summer. In summer, an air-to-air pump operates as a standard air conditioner, collecting heat from the air in your home and expelling it outside. In winter, the process is reversed so that the heat pump collects heat from outside air to warm the air inside your home.

If you would like to learn

more about how a heat pump can fit into your life — warming, cooling, conserving energy and saving money — write to the Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Institute, 4301 North Fairfax Drive (No. 425), Dept. HT96, Arlington, Va. 22203, for a free brochure, "Heat, Cool, Save Energy With a Heat Pump." And, you can find out more information about air-conditioning and refrigeration issues on the Internet at ARI's home page: <http://www.ari.org>.

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What to look for in a new mower

(MS) — It's finally time to buy a new mower. Your first daunting task is seeing your way through the sea of people at the local home center on a Saturday. Your next challenge: find out which lawn mower in that crowded display area rises above the rest. Here are the things to look for when buying a quality lawn mower:



- Can you easily convert the mower from mulching to bagging or side-discharge? This is important, since it's sometimes difficult for the mower to cope with thick, lush, rapidly growing grass at the height of the season. In those conditions, you may want to temporarily switch to the side-discharge mode. Bags are useful in the fall, when you may want to collect your leaves for use as mulch for your vegetable garden or flower beds.

- Is the mower powerful enough? Don't consider buying a mulching mower unless it has at least 4.5 horsepower,

preferably 5. Low-cost mowers with 3.5-horsepower engines won't have sufficient power to chop up the clippings very well.

- Is it a good value? "You get what you pay for" is true with most consumer items, and certainly is true with mowers. To take advantage of some of the advanced features, you're going to have to pay around \$400 or more. There are some good, solid values out there for less than \$300.






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5. Get rid of pollution at the source. Encourage smokers to quit — or at least to smoke outdoors. Put the lid on hob-

bies, like model building or furniture refinishing, that involve fume-creating chemicals.

6. Zone your home. Banish too-hot or too-cold spots in your home with a zoned temperature control system. A zoning system maximizes comfort throughout the house and can help save heating and cooling costs by delivering heating and cooling when it's needed, where it's needed.

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You don't want to mulch too much

(MS) — You probably know that it's a good idea to use mulch around landscape beds, but do you know the best way to apply it?

With spring just around the corner, it may be tempting to go buy some bark and throw it around your shrubs. However, you need to know a little bit more about mulching before you begin your landscape pro-

ject.

Studies show that the benefits of using mulch are numerous. Used properly, mulch, which can be a variety of materials like bark nuggets or stone, can eliminate weeds and grasses from your planting area.

Mulches also encourage root growth by keeping the soil moist and maintaining a uni-

form temperature for the soil. In addition, a good mulching system will reduce soil and bark runoff as well as conserve moisture.

While mulching is not difficult, it has to be done correctly. In fact, if too much mulch is used, it can suffocate shallow-rooted plants, cause waterlogged soil and cause conditions favorable for dis-



ease development.

A good way to avoid mulching problems is to start by using a landscape fabric. The fabric can be placed below any type of mulch, from bark to stone. Found in most places that carry garden supplies, fabric quickly is replacing black plastic as the product of choice to help eliminate weeds in landscape beds, around trees and other areas.

Unlike the old black plastic, some of today's fabrics, like WeedBlock® Landscape Fabric and Jobe's® Weed Control Fabric, allow water and air to flow through the material, letting nutrients get to plant roots. Plus, when you use these fabrics, you won't have any problems with mildew or bark runoff, like you would with plastic. Using a landscape fabric in your beds now will help your plants maintain moisture during the hot summer months, especially in drought areas.

In addition to blocking weeds, the fabrics are made with special U.V.-treated poly-

ethylene that helps the fabric last longer even when exposed to direct sunlight.

While fabrics may seem like a fancy landscape tool, they're actually inexpensive and easy to use. With most of them, you just prepare your landscape bed (get rid of the weeds and grasses), spread the fabric over the plants, cut holes to the size needed, and pull the fabric down around the plant. Once the landscape fabric is in place, secure it with landscape pegs and spread your mulch of choice over it. It is best to put approximately 2 inches to 4 inches of mulch over the fabric.

Remember, the benefits of mulching are many. As long as you're armed with a little bit of knowledge, some good landscape fabric and mulch, you're sure to be pleased with the results of your landscape beds. The products can be purchased at just about any local garden center, hardware store, chain retailer or by calling (800) EASY-INC.

How to select a contractor

(MS) — The National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI), a trade association representing nearly 40,000 remodeling professionals, strives to educate remodeling homeowners on how to select a professional remodeling contractor, how to get the most for their remodeling dollars and how to avoid the horror stories that are so well documented. Following are some tips for a successful remodeling experience.

Select a Professional

- Ask friends, family and co-workers for contractor referrals
- Ask contractors for recent customer references and check them carefully
- Look for members of NARI, the sign of professionalism and excellence in remodel-

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- Check their legal status — make sure they are properly licensed or registered
- Verify their insurance policies (workers' compensation, property damage and personal liability)
- Check with your Department of Consumer Affairs or the Better Business Bureau for outstanding complaints
- **Sidestep the Pitfalls**
 - Steer away from high-pressure sales tactics
 - Get everything in writing (projected start and completion dates, warranties, payment schedule)
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- Use color to create a distinctive mood in your bedroom. The range of color options in paint truly is extraordinary. Opt for something unexpected—perhaps a rich deep color to set off lighter furniture. Lots of white or cream woodwork and trim provides a nice counterpoint to strong color.

- Window treatments should be functional, primarily for light control and privacy, never heavy, multilayered and stiff. The simplest approach often is the best.

- Fabric-covered screens are easy to make, highly decorative and great for hiding clutter. They also help make rooms look less boxy, or can be substituted for headboards. If your bedroom functions for more than one activity, for example a home office, a screen can help define the separate areas.

For additional decorating advice, visit the company's Web site at <http://www.decoratwaverly.com>.

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from the stem. Then, all you have to do is water the plant.

No matter what your garden grows, you'll benefit from another product called the Easy Gardener Plant and Seed Blanket. This is a lightweight fabric that protects newly planted seeds and transplants from frost or insects.

When placed over your garden early in the spring, the blanket actually will produce a sort of "greenhouse effect," allowing for faster seed germination, accelerated plant growth and bigger vegetables.

To use the blanket, just lay it over your garden bed and secure it with pegs or stones. When the outside temperature reaches 85 F, simply remove the blanket and store it until the next time you need it.

Make this the year that you're able to pick fresh vegetables and fruits from your own backyard. You'll find that with a little research and some helpful products, you're sure to be pleased with the results.

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Guidelines to painting

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1. Evaluate — Assess the area to be painted to determine if there are any surface imperfections that need repair.
2. Make a list of the materials you will need. Don't forget surface-preparation materials (i.e. caulk, primer, etc.) and paints, applicators, dropcloths, scrapers, ladders, masking tape, etc.
3. Prepare the surface thoroughly following the instructions on the paint-can label. Be sure to:

- Scrape all the loose paint from the area until most of the bare surface is exposed.
- Sand to dull and make the surface as smooth as possible.
- Use a commercial cleaner to wash the surface carefully,

then rinse thoroughly.

4. The general rule of thumb is to always use a primer. The exception is if you're covering an existing paint with a similar color or darker color and the surface is in good shape. However, primers never hurt and only can enhance your result.

Tip: Try the water test — To determine if a previously painted surface needs to be primed, sprinkle a little water on the area to be painted. If the water soaks in, a primer is needed.

5. Paint the surface following the instructions on the paint-can label. When more than one can of paint is needed, mix some of the old paint with the new for uniform color. This is called boxing.

• Do not try to overspread or stretch paint because a thin film will affect the paint's durability.

• Paint from top to bottom, starting with the eaves and fascia. Walls are next; then

trim.

• Always keep a wet edge to your painting job. After painting a section, immediately paint the next area before drying. If painting lap siding, follow a board all the way across until reaching a natural break (i.e. a window or door), before going on to the next board.

6. Weather can affect paint's durability by interfering with the drying and curing process.

• Ideal temperature for exterior painting is between 60 F and 90 F. Do not paint if, over the next 24 to 48 hours, the temperature is expected to drop below 45 F or if rain is in the forecast.

• Do not paint in bright sunlight, which can cause paint to dry too fast.

Do-it-yourselfers can visit their local Sears paint department, where specially trained sales associates can answer questions about the painting process.

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How to shop for mouldings

Homeowners are discovering that solid hardwood mouldings give every room unique character, from injecting drama into a formal dining room to adding a custom touch to stock kitchen cabinetry.

The Hardwood Information Center offers the following tips when shopping for mouldings at your local home center:

Moulding the possibilities—The secret to getting the most out of solid hardwood mouldings is understanding the wide range of possibilities. Available in species like oak, maple or cherry, solid hardwood mouldings offer an unmatched combination of natural beauty and unsurpassed versatility.

Know your profiles—A moulding's "profile" refers to its shape. For anything beyond the basic, it may be necessary to combine two or more profiles through "stacking." Stunning results are achieved by stacking profiles, which can make for an infinite variety of looks.

More than 350 standard moulding profiles are available, so you are sure to have plenty of options. With this many possibilities, it makes sense to ask the salesperson which profiles typically work well together.

Speak the language—When

shopping for mouldings, you may encounter the following terminology:

- **skirt board**: The moulding that conceals the joint between the stair treads and the wall.

- **millwork**: A general term for lumber planed and shaped for finished work. In addition to mouldings, millwork also includes doors, cornices, panel work, and other items of interior or exterior trim, not including flooring, ceilings or siding.

- **chair rail**: A moulding applied along a wall for protection against chair backs, or as a design element.

- **crown moulding**: The decorative moulding that conceals the joint between the wall and ceiling.

- **base block**: The squared block terminating a moulded baseboard at a doorway. Also commonly called a "plinth block."

Is it solid hardwood?—Today's home centers carry an unprecedented variety of building products. With materials available to suit any budget, a wide disparity exists in quality. This especially is true with mouldings.

Solid hardwood mouldings and millwork contain no other material. Down the road, if you decide to go with a totally

new interior, you can refinish the solid hardwood to achieve a different look—without replacing the mouldings. And, unlike mouldings made of composite materials, like MDF, nicks and scratches are easy to repair.

Seek out sound advice from salespeople—Whether you plan to tackle a moulding installation as a Saturday project, or hire a professional contractor to do it for you, be sure to draw on the expertise of the salesperson at your local home center. This professional can be an invaluable source of information on solid hardwood mouldings and how to properly install them. Tap him or her for information such as:

- The right quantity you will need to purchase for your project. Always buy a few feet extra, to allow for cutting and trimming.

- Special tools that may be required. Every room and every job is different. Be sure to ask about any supplies or equipment that might make your particular job easier.

- Tips to ensure that your project is a success. A knowledgeable salesperson should be able to tell you how to prepare the room, save time and select the right finish products.

Free information on selecting solid hardwood mouldings and millwork is available from the Hardwood Information Center, 400 Penn Center Blvd., Suite 530, Dept. MS-99, Pittsburgh, PA 15235 (1-800-373-WOOD). Or, visit the Hardwood Information Center on the World Wide Web at <http://www.hardwood.org>.

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